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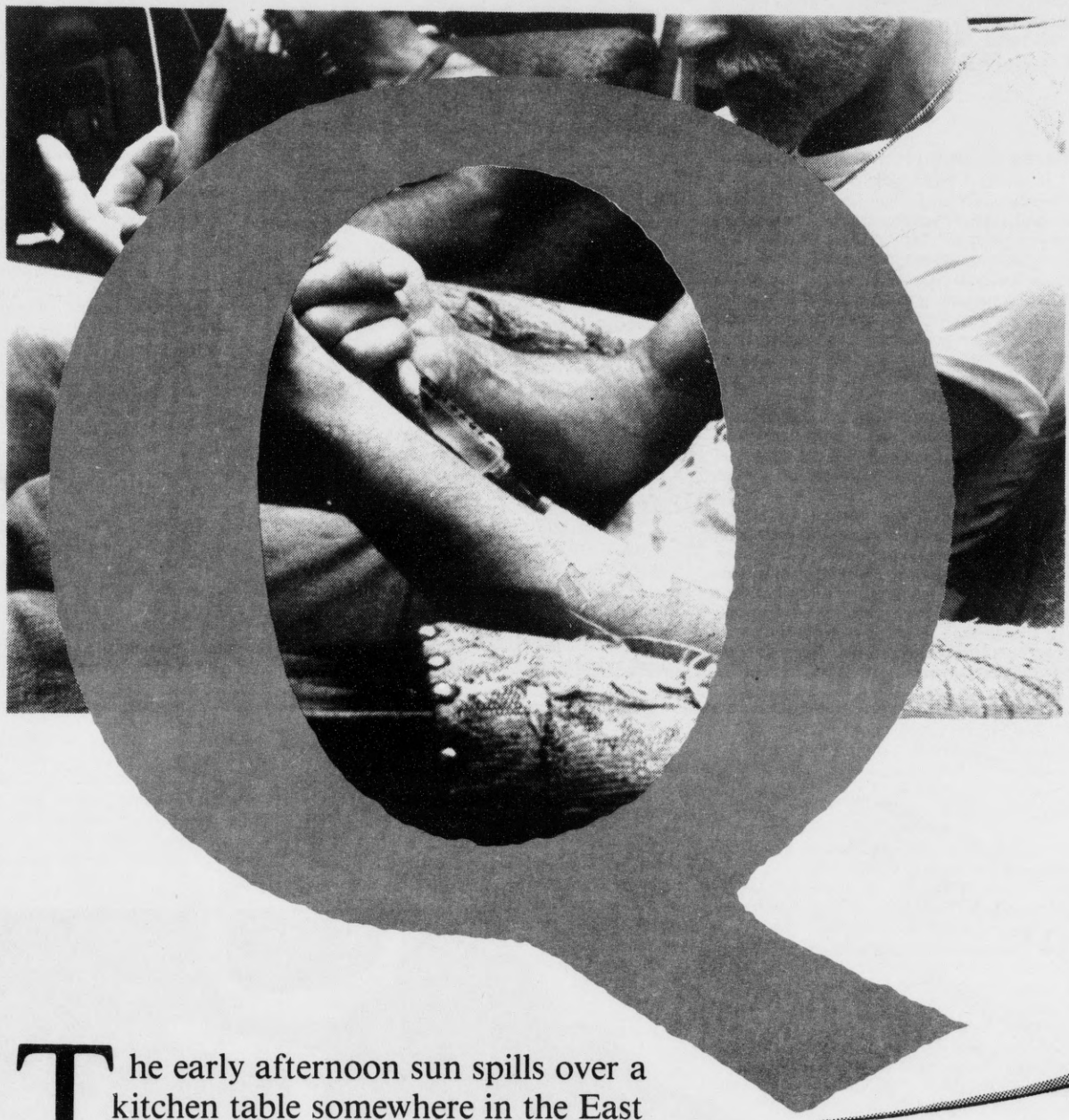

The New Home Remedy

The early afternoon sun spills over a kitchen table somewhere in the East Bay, strewn with 10cc hypodermic needles, alcohol wipes, sterile gauze and infusion tubing. Small bottles of prophylaxis steroids, antihistamines and even bee-sting kits for allergic reactions appear and are carefully placed in four waiting trays, each labeled with a name. In the shade of the window sill sit several 1.2 gram vials of tricosanthin—or Compound Q. Welcome to Uncle Gene's Lab—the Bay Area's own tricosanthin guerrilla clinic infusion group—currently open for business.

Plus!

Interview

with Earth First

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LETTERS

Queer Nation

Queer Nation is you and I as individuals in the process of transformation. We seek to promote homosexuality as a viable culture and counter homophobia on all fronts. This identity is defined by what motivates us to action. How are we/I motivated?

I'm tired of apologizing for being gay...I am *not* unworthy. To love another is to love oneself: Self-Esteem. But do we practice the pride we should have given our accomplishments as free thinkers? Especially our response to AIDS, we've earned the right to feel secure within ourselves. Yet we've lost ground. Jesse Helms outright states that our culture is obscene and dirty. How loud did we outrage in reaction?

Witness the homophobia within our own ranks. Deep down do we consider ourselves just as worthless as the general society views us? Their condemnation is relentless and preys on our insecurities. Insecurity leads to impotency. Impotency lays the groundwork for hatred, bigotry, fear.

What suffers the gay community? Fear of reprisal in the loss of jobs, friends, family, one's own life to violence. We perpetuate it through denial. How do we transform our psyche to go beyond it? Deal with fear directly—be assertive and take control. How long will we wait? That's what Queer Nation is about: ACTION and conquering the fear NOW!

Queer Nation is about strength in numbers and *visibility*. Think Ad Campaign to shatter the stereotypes and dispel the misperceptions. Connect the dots between all the contributing factions of the gay community and unify them under one single theme: We're Here, We're Queer, Get Used To It. Coalition without coercion. No bureaucracy. No powertrips. Nonpartisan. Anger as motivation, but not execution. A lightning rod to focus on liberty through grass-roots volunteerism. Have fun while doing it. "Nights Out," "Queer Shopping Network," "Tweak the Tourists," or what YOU want to do to make a difference. This is what Queer Nation is about.

Steve Mehall
San Francisco

Old Fashioned Bigotry

Margaret Court's vicious attack on Martina Navratilova, because of her sexual orientation, is one of the reasons National Coming Out Day (October 11) exists.

Ignorance and good old-fashioned bigotry are no excuse for defaming anyone.

Lynn D. Shepodd, Exec. Director
National Coming Out Day

Therapist Shopping: It Isn't Easy

I'm calling around looking for a counselor, answering ads from the *Bay Times* that mentioned sliding scale. When they call back I ask where do you slide from? Most answer 50-70 dollars. Now I don't know, but in my mind sliding scale implies that you have fees set for those with a weekly income and/or insurance, and a fee set for those people who for *whatever* reason are not able to afford "the going fee," i.e. students, unemployed, those with disabilities that limit income, large families with dependents, underemployed.

Our community encourages lesbians to get in touch with their feelings, get clean and sober, remember childhood abuse including incest. Yet often times when one takes the step of courage to break some patterns and feel or when one is overwhelmed by the daily battles of existence there is a decisive need for help—continual help, once a week, sometimes more with things like emerging incest memories. I've known of women who couldn't hold down regular jobs when their lives were in crisis. And it is often at this point when the message we get back from therapists (except interning students) is that they slide from 50-70 dollars, may be able to fit you in Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and no, they don't work after five or on weekends. Gay counseling centers like Operation Concern and the Women's Mental Health Center often have a waiting list. An interview in the *Bay Times* with the Women's Cancer Resource Center stated they were unable to get one lesbian therapist to volunteer one night a week.

Therapy stands out *unlike* any other profession. Inherent is the dependent relationship setup which needs its weekly fix to work. Once we find somebody who works, we are loyal. Name one other profession or business where we shell out 5-7 times the amount we make in an hour!

I want lesbians to start talking about this issue. I want to know how the "going rate" gets set in a system where the need and demand is great and there is no internal or external scrutinizing to ask questions about availability, class and fee ethics.

I want us to ask that each lesbian therapist do something like devote one hour per every eight hours income to an affordable rate for those without the means or to volunteer time at a clinic or resource center.

You lesbian therapists are doing a great job at helping so many of us. The community supports you well and I think that the many lesbians who are unable to access this help deserve you to think a little less about your next purchase or image and more about serving a community with some consciousness regarding the inaccessibility of therapy.

Name withheld on request
San Francisco

Keep Coming

Time to renew my subscription. Enclosed check is for another year (I'm handicapped/senior).

You're looking better all the time. Glad to see you're getting recognition (June '90: *SF BT* receives top honors...). I've been a fan since you began as a one-sheeter a decade ago. And now look at you: sturdy "Issues" features; excellent Resources/Calendar; and best Personals in the area (I read 'em all); and plenty of letters.

My only complaint: Your name's not on the "plain brown wrapper" it comes in. I suppose you're only trying to be discreet, but personally I'd rather any nosybodies know I'm getting the *S.F. Bay Times* than allow them to think I might be getting something deserving secrecy

Keep Coming—up, out, and otherwise.

Richard Keigwin
Novato

Toxic Bile in the Hearts of Lesbians

Paula Gutierrez' letter of June 1990, reveals what toxic bile is hidden in the hearts of so many lesbians concerning men and AIDS. She hisses about some gross excess of compassion for the "poor dead/dying men" whom she reduces to "eternal PDMs." She hallucinates about the injustice of the Names Quilt not being "dominated" by women's names. She rants about having to endure men's names on war memorials. And all this in praise of a recent *Bay Times* article on women and cancer, the premise of which is as deluded as the sentiments she exposes in her letter.

Gutierrez' letter, her ilk and the whole lesbians-and-cancer campaign all show what bigotry feminist "philosophy" can generate in some lesbians. Women have long held their lives to be less expendable than men's. Now many amplify this primal arrogance with the haughty feminist attitude of: "I'm more of a victim than you—your suffering is inferior." And as is usually the case with feminism, key facts are being omitted in the lesbians and cancer campaign. There's a lot they don't say. In addition to the fact that many more men than women suffer from heart attacks, strokes, inherited diseases and ulcers, you also never hear them mention that 30,000 more men than women die each year of cancer (call the American Cancer Society yourself). Did the women promoting the lesbians and cancer issue overlook this fact or did they conceal it? I don't know which is worse.

Gutierrez accuses gay men of not caring about life, for not working more with women with cancer. That's like haranguing Hiroshima survivors for not caring about life because they don't come to America to stop nuclear power. Her brand of feminism can only be called compulsive

COME TALK ABOUT SEX

Wanted: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz's* for an informal, fun and free evening with 10 to 15 other gay and bisexual men. Call Randy or Buck at The STOP AIDS PROJECT, 621-7177.

SEX

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Latino

STOP AIDS PROJECT

SF Bay Times Moves Our Office

After months of searching we've located the office of our dreams! Having outgrown our current location—and it being the largest office available in the Castro—we're having to leave the neighborhood. We're going South of Market to 288 7th Street, SF, 94103.

On August 1st we'll be moving in. Our new office is located on 7th Street at the corner of Folsom, a few doors in on 7th. We're on the second floor—but there's an elevator up, and with a few modifications our new space will be completely wheelchair accessible.

We will, of course, try to keep snafus to a minimum—personal advertisers can pick up their mail as always (call if you've signed up for pick up and don't think you can easily get to the new address); all deadlines remain as usual. We do, however, expect our phones to be temporarily out of order on August 1st—the phone number stays the same, but will be down shortly while the system is transferred.

It's tough leaving the Castro. We've really loved operating the newspaper here, and we'll especially miss all of our friends in the neighborhood—particularly the guys at Java Road coffee shop (extraordinaire). Without their bright smiles and regular caffeine infusions, life just won't be the same!

feminism. Like the diseases of bigotry and alcoholism it seems to revolve around a chronic obsession with self. Only something this serious could explain how women like this can refuse to perceive all the evidence in this society that people care less about men dying than women.

As much as pay equity is a women's issue, so is expendability of life a men's issue. In every category of early death (disease, suicide, crime, accidents, chemical dependency and war deaths) men have much higher rates than women and yet this is rarely discussed. Because they garner more sympathy, disaster relief posters usually show women and adopt-a-child overseas hunger programs usually show girls. Child abuse and homelessness campaigns will also show disproportionate numbers of females over males. We daily reduce men dying to mere numbers with headlines like: "Crane Collapses Killing Five Including Two Women." Can you reall the name of one male astronaut who died along with Christa McAuliffe? And in war reporting you still hear the hoary old phrase: "Innocent women and children killed," as if the men killed could not be innocent. AIDS is no different. Historically, in all sexual epidemics women and children are viewed as innocent victims and men as appropriately punished. If AIDS had happened to lesbians you can be sure compassion and funding would have come more swiftly.

And reducing PWAs to PDMs is worse than something you'd expect Jesse Helms or the TVC to come up with. So much for superior lesbian compassion. In fact, considering the recent lesbian call for political payment for their AIDS "volunteering" ("support feminism—you owe us"), history may judge the much touted lesbian response to AIDS to be little more than a well-disguised political maneuver.

I've been scarred for life by AIDS and I'm hardly alone. Daily emotional survival is hard, hard work. I don't need my experience buried under false claims to equal suffering by well-organized women. PDMs? Maybe we should talk about SOWs (Sexist Opportunistic Wimmin) or ENUF (Egocentric Narcissistic Unreasoning Feminism)! Get the picture?

John Morrison
San Francisco

Selfish Gay Men

Many of us agree with [Paula Gutierrez] that men, especially white, middle-class (gay or straight) have never taken an interest in health care until AIDS came along. And now AIDS is the only health issue they care about. Many of them are against government funded abortion, but scream for government funded care for AIDS. Many thought they should attend the AIDS conference for free. If I'm a diabetic, I can't get in free to a attend a diabetic conference either. It is good to want equal rights, but many gay men want extra privileges, not "equal." In a typical selfish male fashion these men only care about themselves and the hell with women and children. They are an embarrassment to the gay community and do them a disservice.

As Randy Shilts wrote in the *Chronicle* several months ago, we must *all* work together for a better health care system for every woman, child and man, not just for one group. And there are more women dying of breast cancer than there are men dying of AIDS, but the way to better care and treatment that's affordable is for us to have solidarity and fight for us all as human beings.

L. Mager
San Francisco

No Energy to Bigots

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Michael S. Eckenrode ("Society to Cut Up Men Revived," letters, *S.F. Bay Times,* July, 1990), whoever you are, for having the balls to address all of these sensitive issues, for summing it up tastefully and for not having the inclination nor the energy to hate bigots back—for using your time to educate rather than create further splits in our community. Your letter in response to the "Hitleresque" Gutierrez' words will force a lot of people to stop and think for a very long time.

Let us pray.

Harley A. White
Sebastopol

(a life-long lesbian who's always felt more threatened by separatists than heterosexual homophobes)

And Furthermore...

Well, a year has come and gone! Last year's Moicala Larson is this year's Paula Gutierrez.

The Freedom Day Parade this year was minus Sylvester, and going back down the old parade route. But your paper is still stuck with that stodgy, dumb name. How about something fresh and zippy, like maybe "Coming Up!"? That's what most of us call it, anyway.

Dave Mattea
Hayward

Men Don't Care

In the last two years I have known eight women who have had cancer: six with breast cancer, one stomach, one liver. Two of them are dead, one is dying. Three of the living have had radical mastectomies. Six of eight are lesbians. Nationally, one in four women have or will have breast cancer. Among my friends 75 percent of the women with cancer have had it in their breasts.

A drag queen I know once expressed his sincere gratitude to all the lesbians and women who have helped in the AIDS crisis. Then he pondered an uncertainty for which he had no answer: "I don't know if men would do the same for women." Recent *Bay Times* letters in response to Paula Gutierrez' writing, have the answer. Of the five men who wrote, four bashed her and only one said (with qualification and conditions) let us join together. All of them missed the point of the message.

The issue is not whose disease is the most important, which one makes us more dead (although statistics support the fact that more women will die from breast cancer than men from AIDS, which in many instances is yet another form of cancer). Pain is pain; dead is dead. The issue is: a medical establishment and an insurance industry that don't care; militaries, corporations and governments that victimize us. AIDS is not the point, who has a bigger disease is not the point. Patriarchal society is a dis-ease and cancer is the symptom—that's the point.

C'mon boys, join the human race.

Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien
Poet—Berkeley

We're In This Together

The problem is *not* that men and AIDS get too much attention. The problem is that women's health concerns get too little!

Let's stop fighting each other for a bigger piece of the financial and emotional pie and start demanding that the pie be increased for *all* of us.

It is time that women realize that no one is going to take care of us. Let's bring home those skills we've learned so well fighting for others and use them to help those who have been ignored.

Susan Liroff, Director
Women's Cancer Resource Center
Oakland

Thank you, Paula Gutierrez

Thank the Goddess for Dykes like Paula Gutierrez! We were glad to hear from another Dyke who was as pissed off as we are about the focus on AIDS to the exclusion of everything else. Thus follows a response to the assortment of responses to Paula's letter.

It alarms us that so many Lesbians are working on AIDS and that most of the resources of the community are funneled into the most privileged group. Lesbians have been so invisible in this community that many have no separate identity from gay men and don't understand that we have our own history, perspective and needs. Because of this, they see themselves in the traditional women's role as caretakers of men. Our needs and crises go unattended no matter what the scope and we have often heard Lesbians say that if we had a comparable disease to AIDS we'd have no support. The truth is that we are dying of cancer *every year* in far greater numbers than all the males who have contracted AIDS during the whole epidemic and no one even knows it.

As in the women's movement, Lesbians do a large percentage of the support work—this time for men. One wonders what gay males would do without Lesbians, even with all of their male privilege. Conversely, Lesbians would be much better off without gay males to drain us of the few resources we have.

No other group with any oppression has as much access to privilege as white, gay males, who are also largely middle-class. Regardless of their sexual preference, they are still white men, usually with no family to support and endless financial resources. Men still earn twice the income of women. By criticizing AIDS support, Paula has attacked the sacred cow of a group much more privileged than she. She is castigated for being unwilling to cater to gay males at women's expense.

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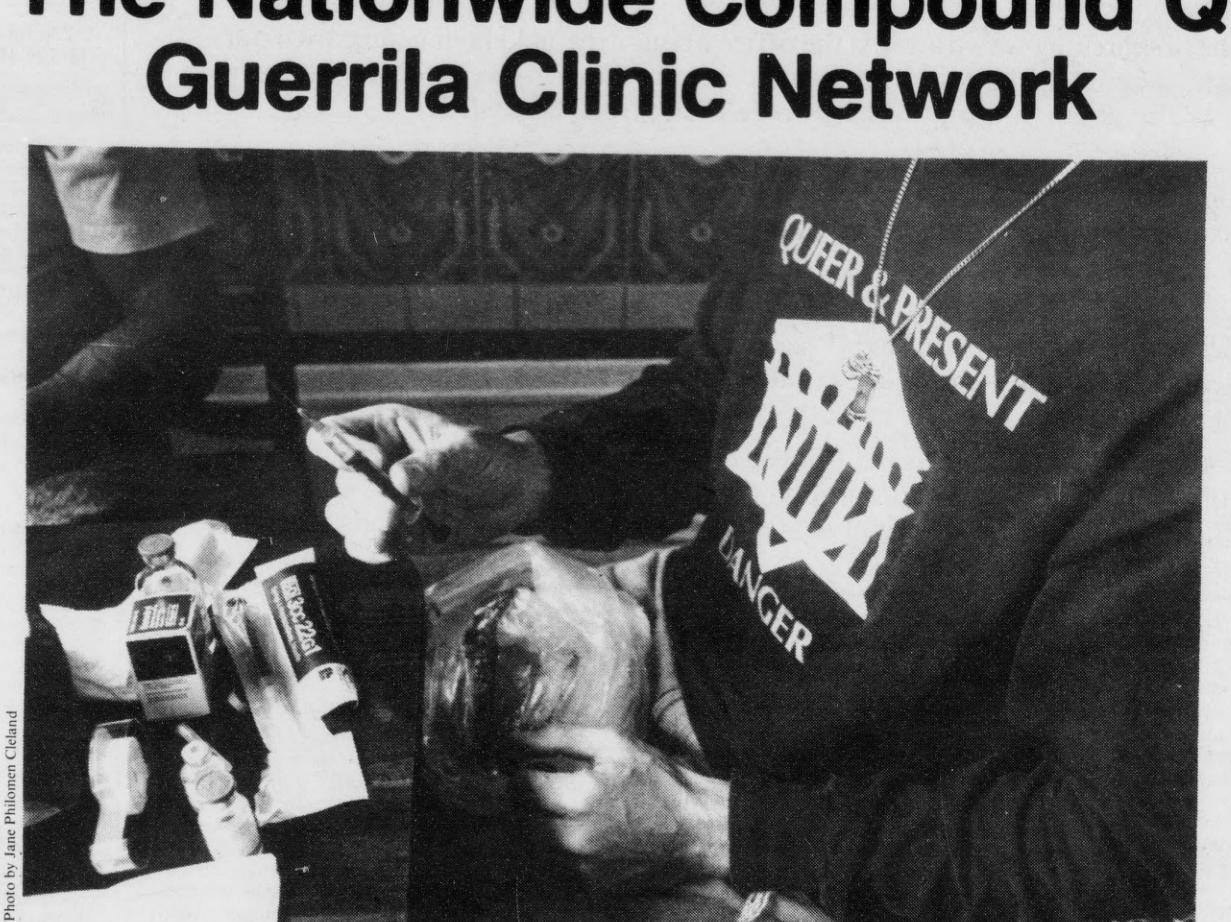

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BY TIM KINGSTON

Four years after the discovery that Compound Q kills HIV-infected cells in the laboratory, and one year after FDA-approved clinical trials of Q got underway, a network of underground guerrilla clinics are taking direct action to make the drug availible to people with HIV, ARC and AIDS. At least 300 people have been infused with Compound Q in the past year in guerrilla clinics and private physicians' offices operating in San Francisco, Long Beach, Palm Springs, Phoenix, Dallas, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and New York. Another 150 people are known to be on waiting lists to get into those guerrilla infusion groups.

In May, Project Inform's executive director Martin Delaney estimated that between 500 and 1,000 people in the United States have used Compound Q in the past year. Those figures do not include an unknown number of people who are self-infusing with Q, an extremely risky procedure because of the unpredictable nature of the compound's toxicities. (Infusion is a two to three hour process where Q is mixed with saline solution and slowly fed into the infuser's vein via a catheter.)

The guerrilla clinics that infuse Compound Q do so despite the fact that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved it for general use, despite the fact that its side effects can be fatal, and despite the fact that no final results have been released from approved clinical trials. Legally, no decision has yet been handed down on whether the clinics' activities constitute practicing medicine without a license; neither has the issue of what liability, if any, physicians involved in such groups could face.

Brad Stone, a spokesperson for the FDA says, "We are monitoring the situation... We are prepared to look at and judge on a case-by-case basis." Stone stressed that "with regards to AIDS we have made a special effort not to be intrusive in the physician-patient relationship."

DESPERATION OR A RATIONAL DECISION?

The primary concern about Compound Q for people infected with HIV is not regulatory approval, but a personal risk/benefit analysis. Provisional data on Q from both official and unofficial sources indicate the compound stabilizes bloodwork and promotes significant increases in T-cell levels in some individuals by killing HIV-infected macrophage cells. *If* the preliminary data is accurate, can people with HIV and AIDS afford to wait until more conclusive evidence is presented?

The answer from Jim Beale, co-founder of Uncle Gene's Lab, San Francisco's own guerrilla infusion clinic, is a resounding, "No." Says Beale, "From the results I have seen, Q is the most promising treatment available, and it seems to me my health is only going to deteriorate until, and unless, I do something effective against HIV." For Beale, doing something effective first meant infusing himself with Q, and then creating Uncle Gene's Lab—a project dedicated to the memory of Eugene Olgiun, who died before Q's in-vitro efficacy was public knowledge, but who was diagnosed with AIDS after that discovery was made. Uncle Gene's Lab has infused 10 participants since opening for business on June 2.

"It is time to act. Waiting only increases our risk," says Beale. He compares his HIV infection to someone sitting on a time bomb: "Does he pick up the phone and call 911, and hope the bomb squad can get there in time? Or does he interfere with the mechanism himself, knowing there is a risk that that could cause it to detonate? I have called 911 many times and gotten a recording. ...Thank you, I *will* infuse!"

Bill, a Hawaii resident who has been infusing compound Q since November, joined Uncle Gene's Lab for its July 15 infusion. He insists his decision to use Q instead of waiting for FDA approval was easy. "I felt my T-cells were decreasing fast enough that by the time it was ready I would probably be dead. Simple. It is my life. I'd much rather fight for it than just blandly sit by until the turgid gears of bureaucracy... grind out the validation of this stuff." He requested anonymity because he does not want to be identified if an investigation of the group ensues.

For others, the decision to self-infuse or join a guerrilla clinic is a last resort. "By the time I hit the official route (to get Q), it was closed," says Brad, who also declined to give his full name. "I knew of no study I could get myself into. I asked around; no one was willing to supervise an infusion. I went to my own physician who at first thought it was a good idea and was willing to infuse me, but after more careful thought backed out." Brad began infusing on his own in April and joined Uncle Gene's Lab on July 15.

While a growing chorus of patients are starting to call for Compound Q, the great majority of physicians in the Bay Area and around the country are adamantly opposed to infusing until they are shown firm data to justify use of the compound. They are even more firmly opposed to guerrilla clinics. Dr. Steven Mehalko, a San Francisco physician with a long history of treating people with AIDS, argues, "Its safety is unknown; you cannot guarantee that you will not have a problem. We also submit to an oath that first we do no harm, and beyond that we try to help people... Under the circumstances, where there is no known safety profile or efficacy, I would be hesitant to use it."

Dr. Bill Owen, a San Francisco physician with a large AIDS practice, agrees. "It is a bad idea. I just don't feel the knowledge about the drug, or the safety of the drug, warrants doing it." Dr. Owen says patients he sees have had severe side effects to the drug. Some have gone into anaphylaxis shock, a severe allergic reaction that can prove fatal within minutes if left untreated. The compound has stricken some people, usually those with less than 100 to 150 T-cells, with life-threatening comas, which have killed at least one person. Dr. Owen notes that the treatment for the neurological side effects of the drug is Decadron, a steroid that in and of itself is an immune suppressant, and suggests the "cure" for the side effect may actually enhance HIV progression.

Dr. Larry Waites, director of the FDA-approved Project Inform Genelabs study (Genelabs is the manufacturer of the approved form of Q), argues that the side effects of Q can be readily dealt with by trained physicians without endangering the patients. Dr. Waites says he is willing to instruct other physicians on how to infuse Q correctly but insists that Q should not be given in a guerrilla clinic setting. "It is not a benign drug, it is not herbal tea, and I am opposed to it being given without supervision."

Aside from the medical issues, Dr. Waites is concerned about the political fallout from guerrilla clinics. "At this point, where we finally have the whole medical system including the FDA interested in Q, we do not want the whole thing sidetracked by having someone die in these underground treatment programs."

Delaney says, however, that the guerrilla clinics are "addressing a problem that exists, in that there are only a few doctors in the Bay Area who are willing to participate or administer the drug." He plans to approach Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and give them data from both the Project Inform and San Francisco General Hospital studies in an attempt to convince them to infuse Compound Q. "In the meantime, the patients' groups have no other choice," he says.

HERE Q THERE Q EVERYWHERE THERE IS BLOODY Q

Infusion groups come in all shapes and sizes—from one or two physicians in New York secretly infusing a few people, to Fort Lauderdale's well-publicized and well-oiled year-old project that infuses 70 people every other weekend. Compound Q is being infused in settings that range from living rooms to doctors' offices to fully equipped medical suites.

Treatment regimes vary from Palm Springs'

cautious Desert AIDS Project (DAP) approach, where 24 patients are given 15 micrograms of Q per kilogram of bodyweight every 60 days, to San Francisco's aggressive program, where some people are considering taking 48 micrograms per kilogram every one to two weeks. In the other infusion groups, doses vary widely. On average, participants generally seem to receive 18 to 24 micrograms per kilogram per month.

Every guerrilla group uses Decadron, a steroid that, according to one theory, operates as a prophylaxis against cerebral edema, a potentially fatal swelling of the brain believed to be a consequence of Q's activity in killing HIV-infected cells in the brain. Antihistamines such as Benadryl, Epinephrine, and Prednisone are also used to counter anaphylaxis shock.

Utilization of prophylaxis differs from group to group. George Weeman, who helped found DAP in February, believes the lower dosages DAP uses have contributed to the minimal side effects experienced there. Patients are given the prophylaxis to take home and use only if a reaction develops. In San Francisco, where treatment dosages are often greater, infusers take decadron the day before, the day of, and the day after infusion. They are also injected with IV Benadryl one hour before infusion, in an attempt to blanket out any reaction.

While stressing he is not involved with Uncle Gene's Lab, Dr. Keith Barton says, "I am impressed by the thoroughness with which the group has taken precautions against side-effects, and their providing emergency drugs and supplies that would be needed in the event of an allergic reaction."

Levels of medical oversight also vary significantly. Some guerrilla groups have physicians present, others have physicians on call, while others employ nurses. Critics of the guerrilla clinics argue that only well-trained medical personnel can cope with a sudden anaphylaxis shock or the onset of edema. But Fort Lauderdale and San Francisco both had infusers stricken with serious allergic reactions while volunter nurses were on the scene, but no liscensed physicians. In both cases, the infusers recovered due to the prompt action of the volunteer personnel.

Beale says one anaphylaxis incident occurred in Uncle Gene's Lab because one person lied about having taken his prophylaxis. "The man was for all practical purposes dead on the floor—and 30 seconds later he was moving around fine... We had available someone to administer (the prophylaxis) and he just came back."

Terry Beswick, Project Inform's information and education director, remains concerned. "There have been a lot of close calls in guerrilla clinics. Someone could easily die if they get sloppy. We do not have a predictor of neurological reactions. Those with under 150 T-cells are running a greater risk." As more and more people infuse with Q, it is becoming clear that the danger of anaphylaxis shock increases sharply at about the third or fourth infusion and can occur at virtually any infusion. Dr. Al Levin, one of the first physicians in the country to infuse patients with Q, estimates toxicities will affect as many as 20 percent of all infusers.

While every treatment group requires completion of a detailed informed-consent form, other entrance requirements vary. In Phoenix, the physician will not infuse if a person has less than 200 T-cells and/or an active opportunistic infection. In Palm Springs and Long Beach, prospective infusers are screened based on their bloodwork and T-cell counts by Dr. Zhang, a Chinese researcher with 20 years of familiarity with Compound Q. If they have CMV or neurological problems, they are not allowed to enter the program. In general, participants are urged to think twice about doing Q if their T-cell count is below 100.

The cost of both infusion and Compound Q varies widely. In San Francisco, the Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) charges $37.50 per 1.2 gm vial, with a limited quantity available at a low income rate of $10. Purchase from HAF is allowed only with a doctor's prescription. Lewin Usilton, a board member of HAF, estimates they have sold 400 to 500 doses of Q in the last six months. The Dallas Buyers Club has sold 1,000 vials in the past year for $50 per vial, or $35 a vial when purchased in four-vial kits.

Infusions vary in price from $60 a session in Long Beach to the $224 charged by DAP. Much of the cost in the more expensive groups is due to blood work required so that patient's health can be monitored. In Fort Lauderdale, while the infusion only costs $81, the necessary blood work cost between $200 and $300. All the treatment groups survive on volunteer time donated by the physicians and nurses. Weeman says, "We don't make a dime. Most of it goes to the labs."

BUT WHAT DOES IT DO?

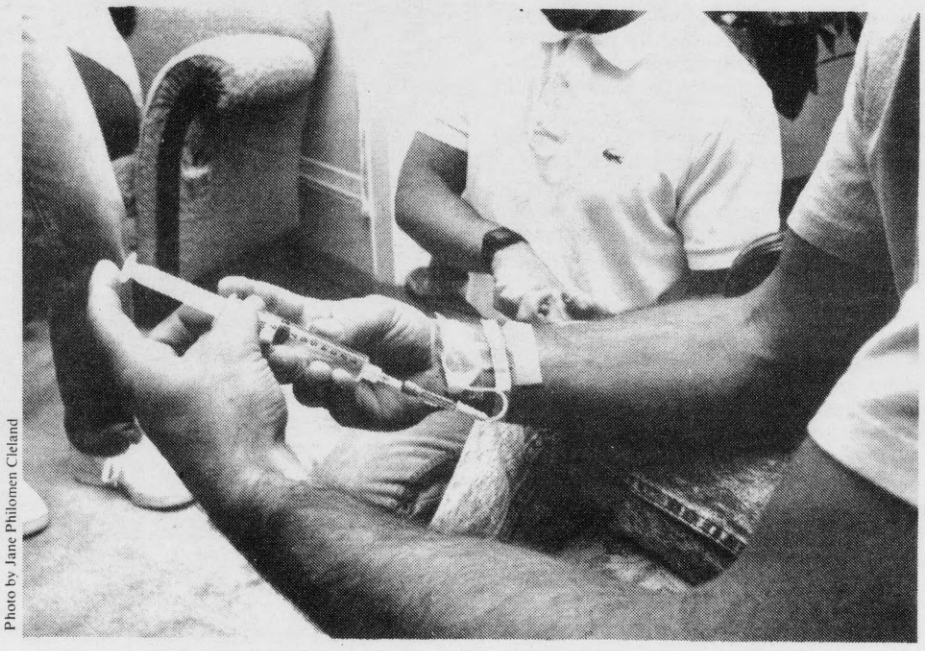
The *provisional* pattern emerging from information garnered from official GLQ223 clinical trials, physicians, and guerrilla treatment groups is extremely encouraging, showing initial increases in T-cell counts, decreases in P24 antigen and other surrogate markers, and improvements in general health. Tom Kay, founder of the Long Beach infusion group, estimates that 75 percent of the 50 people treated there have shown a marked increase in T-cells.

Dr. Levin says, "We have a "*statistically significant* increase in T-cells, and a better response in those who started with high T-cells (with a minimum follow-up of six months)." Infusers with middle-range T-cell counts (200 to 500) experience significant improvements in T-cell and other markers, while those with the lowest levels report limited efficacy and a higher rate of side effects.

"All the centers seem to be showing the same results... All of life is a great bell curve," says Dr. Waites. (About 25 percent of the infusers began with high T-cell counts, 50 percent with moderate and 25 percent with low.) While he was describing results from the *official* Genelabs trials, they seem to parallel data and anecdotal evidence from guerrilla clinics. If it is correct that Compound Q is most effective with the most healthy, the obvious conclusion is that the sooner infusions begin in the HIV infection cycle, the more likely it is that people will respond to it.

Information gleaned from doctors and guerrilla groups that collect data indicates that the most dramatic results have occurred among healthy people with over 400 T-cells. In a limited number of cases in San Francisco, Long Beach, Palm Springs and Fort Lauderdale, Q infusers have *doubled* their T-cell counts—pushing their bloodwork back into the high-normal range. In Fort Lauderdale, one four-year-old child went from 400 to 1,032. The Palm Springs DAP is considering pulling two individuals off Q because their T-cell counts have returned to normal levels. That parallels the response of eight of Dr. Waites' 175 patients who have "graduated" from his clinic—not considered part of the guerrilla network—with huge increases in T-cell levels and "normal immune system functioning." None, however, have totally cleared the virus from their bodies.

Equally promising results have been obtained from those starting in the 200 to 500 T-cells' range. They show marked gains in T-cells and bloodwork stabilization—e.g. no further deterioration due to HIV. DAP is seeing stability in the blood work and significant increases in T-cells after five or six infusions for those who started infusing when their counts were no lower than 250 to 350 T-cells. Beale says his T-cell count jumped from 230 to 422, and "all other markers moved very seriously into the normal range... It looks like someone else's bloodwork!"



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Many observers warn that those with low T-cell counts should not infuse with Q because of reactions that include severe muscle pains, fever-like symptoms, hives, rashes, coma and allergic reactions. More than one person with under 150 T-cells told the *SF Bay Times* that Q makes them feel worse than any direct HIV symptoms.

Others, however, in the same T-cell range have benefited. Bill says that while he saw only a minimal improvement in T-cell counts, his P24 count dropped to normal shortly after infusing, as did other markers. "The thing I have noticed is weight gain. I am going back to the gym... I have noticed big changes in the quality of my life."

PERSUADING PRACTITIONERS

"It is a scandal that there are so many patients who are asking their doctors to infuse, and their doctors are saying no," asserts Terry Beswick. "(The doctors) are basically abandoning their patients to their own devices... They are waiting for the more daring doctors to do the the hard work and take the risk."

Uncle Gene's Lab was created, at least in part, to provide a method of persuading private physicians to treat people in their offices with Compound Q, says Jim Beale, wryly adding, "Patients with the alternative of a guerrilla clinic are in a much better position to persuade their doctors (to infuse)." While some physicians might regard the strategy as akin to blackmail, Beale says it works. About a third of prospective "Uncle Gene's Lab" participants find their physicians willing to infuse them with Q upon finding out the patients intend to infuse it in a guerrilla clinic.

The primary reason physicians don't want to infuse patients is because they feel not enough is known about the drug to make an informed decision. Lurking in the background for many physicians hangs the specter of federal, state and professional censure, as well as the fear of legal liability for malpractice or "negligence" due to treating patients with unapproved products that are outside "standard medical practice."

Although the FDA seems to be taking a very hands-off attitude to compound Q, not all physicians are reassured. At a community meeting held during the June AIDS Conference, Dr. Ellen Cooper, director of the Anti-Virals Drug Products Division of the FDA, was challenged by Beale to publicly state the FDA would not act against physicians who infuse patients with Q. She vacillated and *implied* the FDA would not. Both Delaney and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, then chimed in—asserting that the FDA would not penalize Q infusers.

Dr. Don Abrams, a leading AIDS researcher at SF General, remains skeptical. "I don't think a nod and a smile from Ellen Cooper is enough," and he says most physicians will wait until firm data comes in. "Every month a new drug has reached the same status. It would be interesting to review the gay press to see how many things people have done the same trip with."

Physicians have reason to be cautious. Linda McReady of the California Medical Board, the state agency that regulates physicians' licenses, affirmed that the board would not pursue a case if the FDA did not—but her initial reaction was less conciliatory that the FDA's. She, and several other lawyers contacted by the *SF Bay Times*, suggested that any infusion of Q could be a violation of the California Sherman Food, Drug and Cosmetics law and the Medical Practices act.

"The regulatory scheme is to put a buffer between unscrupulous drug companies (and patients), but the purpose of the federal or state regulations is not to prevent physicians treating patients," retorts Curtis Ponzi—an attorney associated with Project Inform—contradicting McReady. He cites a 1976 opinion from the California Attorney General's office that specifically allows doctors to use an unapproved drug so long as the drug is in clinical trials.

Although backers of guerrilla clinics note they all use detailed informed consent forms, McReady suggested such a document does not totally protect doctors from liability. "If you were to give me a loaded gun with a consent form saying I authorize you to murder me, it would still be an illegal act." Mark Madsen, director of the California Medical Association's Department of Physician Education, says, "The implication is when you are desperate, patients will try a lot of things, and perhaps not all are wise."

Jay Lipner, an attorney and person with AIDS who supports the right of people with AIDS to design their own treatments, believes that a detailed informed consent form indicates the patient has indeed assumed liability that will protect the physician from legal action. Lipner believes many physicians are concerned less about the thought of losing a lawsuit than the expense of defending one even if they won.

CLICHE, BUT TRUE: WHOSE LIFE IS IT, ANYWAY?

The fact remains, there is a very real risk involved in taking Compound Q in a guerrilla clinic *or* in a doctor's office, and the exact extent of that risk is currently unknown. "What is comes down to," says Ponzi, "Is someone willing to take the risk—and that has to be measured against whether those giving the drug are capable of handling any adverse consequences."

HIV is the bottom line. To those who oppose the concept of the guerrilla clinics, Ponzi asks, "What do you say to someone with 20 T-cells? Just say, 'No, you can't have an unapproved drug?' The one thing that is certain is that untreated, this disease kills."

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Miller Boycott Gathers Steam Across the United States

BY TIM KINGSTON

Jesse Helms got what may have been the first golden shower of his life in the Castro on the night of July 27. Over 300 ACT UP demonstrators sprayed geysers of Miller draft around the Castro and poured bottles of the beer all over Helms' face—well, OK, posters of his face on the ground. The protest publicly inaugurated the San Francisco ACT UP boycott of Miller beer, called because of contributions made by Philip Morris Co.—Miller's parent corporation—to Jesse Helms' senate campaigns. Specifically, ACT UP was angered that Phillip Morris has donated $20,000 to Jesse Helms over the past decade *and* provided $175,000 to a museum dedicated entirely to the musings of the Senator from North Carolina.

Miller is predictably upset they are being made a scapegoat for their parent company's support of Helms, especially since Miller and its local representatives say they have a long history of supporting and making donations to the gay and lesbian community in San Francisco. Elizabeth Conlisk, public affairs manager for Miller at its Milwaukee headquarters, says, "Where we disagree with Helms is in the area of human rights and AIDS research. He does not believe in AIDS research from what I understand... I would say that the problem is we need to find more funding for AIDS research and boycotting Miller is not going to cure the disease." She added, "The parent company is us; that is why we are being directly linked."

"Phillip Morris makes contributions to AIDS and arts groups, but on the other hand they give a lot of money to dangerous individuals (like Helms). I don't think Phillip Morris can have its cake and eat it too," says Robert Bray, of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)—speaking as an individual. "It is within any corporation's good citizenship policy not to cross the gay and lesbian community and stand up against bigotry and homophobia." The boycott is starting to draw nationwide attention and support. Both NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund are considering joining it. "We are drawing the link between Miller and Helms," says Bray. "Gays and lesbians are willing to flex their economic muscle."

At least thirteen bars and other businesses banded together on June 27 to support the boycott in San Francisco, most of them in the Castro. The boycotting businesses include Badlands, Francine's, The Midnight Sun, Anchor Oyster and Valley Pride Market, says Bill Haskell, ACT UP boycott coordinater.

"The Miller boycott is the same as the Coors boycott—it is saying we matter," says John

Downing, manager of The Bear, one of the organizers of the San Francisco Miller Dump. "I don't believe in what Jesse Helms stands for. Phillip Morris supports Jesse Helms. We are fighting for our lives, Jesse Helms wants to stop all AIDS funding, and to make a statement we decided to boycott Miller."

As of July 30, fourteen cities across the country have become involved, from San Francisco to Washington D.C. to New York City, but events are moving so rapidly that by the time *SF Bay Times* hits the streets, the number easily could have doubled.

In New York, 30 bars have joined the boycott. On July 24, the 22 bars of San Antonio's Tavern Guild voted to join the boycott. In Seattle, according to ACT UP member Greg Renwick, 90 bar owners have pulled Marlboros, a Phillip Morris product, out of their machines in support of the boycott. He says some bars were pulling Miller off the racks before they were even contacted by ACT UP. The boycott is strongest in Dallas, where all 35 gay bars have decided to boycott Miller. In addition to pulling Miller, the Dallas Bar owners have also pulled all Phillip Morris cigarettes from their vending machines. Bill Hunt, a member of Dallas' Gay Urban Truth Squad (GUTS), says the boycott cost Miller $150,000 in one weekend alone.

"We are saying if you drink Miller beer, you are drinking Jesse Helms' urine," mischievoulsy warns William Wayborne, a member of the Dallas Gay Alliance who helped organize the boycott there.

In San Francisco, however, support for the boycott remains mixed. Liquor stores on the Castro reported a sudden surge of Miller purchases the night of the protest. "I think their contribution to the gay community outweighs their contribution to Jesse Helms," states Scott Cain, manager of the Watering Hole.

"We are one hundred per cent behind (Miller)," says Lee Thibodeaux, the San Francisco Tavern Guild president who resigned on July 24. Thibodeaux says the Guild represents about 40 bars in the city, and that the board and membership of the Guild voted unanimously to oppose the boycott. But even those who oppose the boycott acknowledge it is having an affect. David LaRosa, a manager at Trax on Haight Street, says the owners are very upset by the boycott. "The owners feel Miller has always been helpful... but we are suffering a loss of business. People are drinking less Miller and more Bud. People in the community are upset with Philip Morris. Sales have dropped; that is for certain."

WHY MILLER?
BOYCOTT SALVOS TO AND FRO

ACT-UP demands that Miller publicly oppose Jesse Helms by issuing a statement to the national and North Carolina press repudiating the senator's homophobia, attacks on federal AIDS funding and anti-abortion activism—as the company has already done in some gay papers—as well as denounce what ACT UP terms Phillip Morris' "excessive support" of Jesse Helms. "We felt they were reasonable demands that we felt did not put them in a position they cannot deal with," says Haskell.

"Instead," says Haskell, "Miller has flown executives around the country to Dallas, Houston and San Francisco, where they have attempted to stop other groups who were considering the boycott. They brought with them suggestions that members of ACT UP-SF are attempting to divide the gay community." According to activists spearheading the boycott, Miller sought to portray each boycott as a localized incident whenever the issue came up.

When asked about Miller's response to the ACT UP demands, Conlisk said she could not comment, because, "We have not officially been presented with those demands." She specifically declined to reply to queries about whether or not Miller would request Phillip

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Morris to cease supporting Helms. "That is really between Miller and Phillip Morris," she says.

Conlisk also denies the company sent Tom Reed, Miller corporate issues director, around the country to try and persuade other cities not to join or support the boycott. She says his mission was to go "to customers to give information so that people could make an informed decision about whether or not Miller was a friend of the community." (Reed could not be contacted by the *SF Bay Times*.)

According to Conlisk, Miller has made some $100,000 worth of donations to several AIDS service and gay/lesbian organizations in San Francisco, has underwritten the gay day parade for most of the past decade and even won a Cable Car award in 1989 for their service to the community. Shanti Project is one of the groups Conlisk cites, but Holly Smith, Shanti's public affairs officer, says the only money she could find relating to Miller was the purchase of two tickets for a benefit by its local distributor, Golden Brands, costing $300. (Smith added that Shanti has had a policy of not accepting money from any Phillip Morris-associated firms since May.)

Posie DiSesa, media relations specialist for Phillip Morris, acknowledges the contributions to Helms, but says, "We have given over $600,000 to AIDS (since 1987). It is ongoing, it is to AIDS research as well as indirect monies." Alice McGillion, director of corporate communications for Philip Morris, says the company has donated money to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), the National AIDS Network, the Wisconsin AIDS Resource Center and a Hospital for Pediatric AIDS research.

"We supported Helms because he has supported our business interests, and he does not represent our views on anything else," argues McGillion a trifle testily. "We have shown this by giving three times as much money (to AIDS as) has been given to Helms in a much shorter period of time." Asked to explain the $175,000 donation to the Helms museum, she says simply, "We felt it was a worthy cause in a state where we had a lot of interests."

David Kirby of AmFAR confirmed that Phillip Morris has donated $60,000 to the organization, but noted that money had gone to Art Against AIDS and not directly to AmFAR. While substantial, that is less than the impression Miller first gave when Miller spokespersons started bandying about a $600,000 donation figure as if it were money donated by Miller, not the parent.

Steve Corrigan of Golden Brands, the San Francisco distributor of Miller beer, says that Golden Brands even suggested running an anti-Helms weekend beer bust until he was told by Phillip Morris lawyers that was against Federal Electoral Commission regulations.

While Carl Andry, manager of Badlands in the Castro, acknowledges Miller is in a difficult position, he says Miller has offered no substantial proposals to placate the boycotters during a month of negotiations. "They wanted to avoid a boycott. I don't want a confrontation (but) we got no response from Miller. They have done nothing... They say we are victims, but *we* are victims of the AIDS epidemic. They say we can't do anything. But as a homosexual, they don't tell me 'can't.' Half of the states say I can't exist!"

"We don't want to say they are not our friends," says Haskell, "but there is a distinction between friends and economics." In San Francisco and many other cities across the nation, being friends with the gay and lesbian community has been very profitable. And for a corporation, that is always the bottom line. The gay and lesbian community is a lucrative market, and Miller wants to keep it that way. In hardball politics, one moves where one has the most impact, and Howard Pope of ACT UP New York points out Miller was in the wrong place at the wrong time. "The gay community has always been entrenched in the bar scene, so cigarettes and beer play into that. We are vast consumers of that sort of thing, so it is the best company to hit."

The bottom line for those supporting the boycott remains the fact that Miller is owned by Phillip Morris and Phillip Morris continues to give cash to Jesse Helms and that is unacceptable. Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, speaking as an individual, says, "American business should be contributing to help solve that AIDS crisis. At the same time, Helms is the greatest opponent of government help to solve the AIDS problem."

The HRCF has not officially taken a stand on the boycott because its board has not met, but McFeeley and several other staff members have personally endorsed the boycott. He says, "Keeping Jesse Helms in power is bad public policy. It means while Phillip Morris may be protecting their business, he is hurting their employees and other citizens. Other senators can protect their interests—they can have both; there is no need to choose what is good for business and what is good for PWAs. There is no reason *we* cannot have both."

Organizing for National Healthcare Escalates:
September 2 March Calls for Action

Spurred by the death of a major AIDS activist, a coalition of groups is organizing a March for National Healthcare to be held in San Francisco on Sunday, Sept. 2, starting at 2 p.m. from Justin Herman Plaza and heading to U.N. Plaza.

The march began as the final request of John Belskus. Days before he died on January 20 of this year, Belskus asked friends to organize such a march. Belskus was one of the main organizers of the ARC/AIDS Vigil. He was also a trade unionist and a vice-president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club.

"I met John in October of 1985," says Frank Richter, a friend of Belskus and one of the organizers of the march. "He was a person who was aware he only had a certain amount of time left and decided to use it to fight for the things he believed in. One thing that tied all his work together was a real ability to make the personal political. He always saw those issues in terms of real people who were really hurting."

As of late July, over 70 groups had endorsed the march. These included labor, health, senior citizen, lesbian and gay, religious, AIDS, and minority-related organizations.

The statement of purpose for the march says "Quality health care is a human right. Our health care system must be refashioned so that it serves everyone. This message needs to be heard at every level of government—from city halls and state legislatures to the halls of Congress and the office of the President. Everyone is invited to walk, roll or ride up Market Street on Labor Day Sunday to help send that message."

This march comes as health care appears to be gradually heating up as a political issue. A number of facts seem to be turning up frequently in the media. These facts include:

- In the U.S. there are 37 million people with no health insurance, and 5 million of them are in California;
- African-American men in Harlem have a lower life expectancy than men in Bangladesh;
- The U.S. spends more on healthcare than all other industrialized countries, while according to a range of statistics our health is not as good;
- Among all industrialized nations, only the U.S. and South Africa have no national health system.

Within the lesbian and gay community, coping with AIDS has made it clear to many that the entire national health system needs an overhaul. Indeed, many AIDS activists are involved in organizing the march, beginning of course with Belskus himself. Other issues such as women's cancer and chronic fatigue syndrome have also helped expose problems in the way the U.S. cares for its sick.

Hopes for some sort of reform in American healthcare seem higher now than they have in some time. This is particularly true in California, where a number of different bills have been introduced in the state legislature. A statewide coalition group called Health Access will probably put a universal payer plan based on the Canadian system on the state ballot in 1992.

The March for National Healthcare is looking for volunteers and financial contributions. The phone number is (415) 771-4688. Checks can be made payable to National Healthcare Now, and sent to 1105 Market Street, Box 122, San Francisco, CA 94109.

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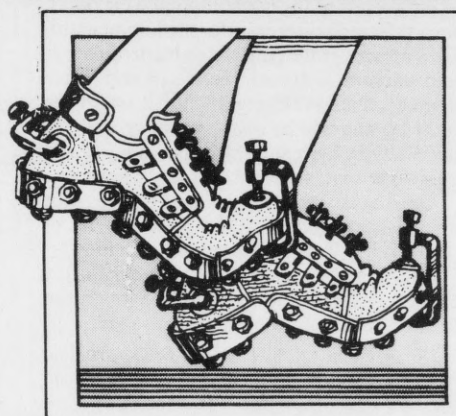
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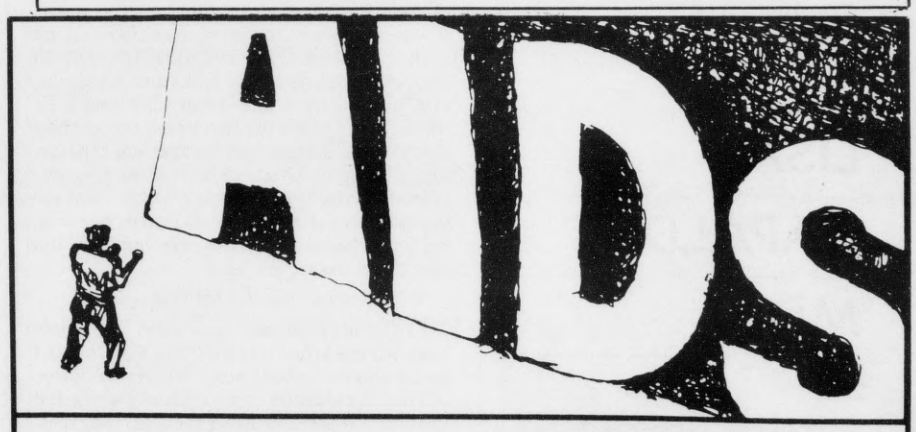

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An Interview with Earth First's Judi Bari

INTERVIEW BY NOELLE HANRAHAN

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> When Bari asked the Mendocino sheriff's department to investigate the death threats that had been made against her last year, she says she was told, "We do not have the manpower to investigate. If you turn up dead, then we will investigate."

Early in the afternoon on May 24, Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney, Earth First! activists and organizers of Redwood Summer were driving on Park Avenue in Oakland en route to a rally in Santa Cruz, when a pipe bomb exploded underneath the driver's seat. Within hours, both Cherney and Bari were arrested on suspicion of transporting explosives.

In February, Earth First! put out a call to action for Mississippi Summer in the California Redwoods, commonly known as Redwood Summer. Their aim was to organize a series of actions modeled on the 1960s civil rights movement to draw people nationally to combat the destruction of the North Coast Redwood forest.

Prior to the bombing, Bari had been the target of numerous death threats for the previous year, which local police repeatedly refused to investigate. In early April, driving with her children, Bari was rammed by a logging truck that Earth First! activists had blockaded the day before.

As a full-time environmental activist with Earth First!, Bari was successful in organizing timber and logging workers into a progressive IWW (Wobblie) local. The Wobblies are an alternative union who support sustained growth rather than clear cutting of the forests.

As a result of the car bombing in Oakland, Bari suffered severe injuries, including multiple fractures of the pelvis, a pulverized coccyx and sacrum, internal bleeding, and nerve damage. She will not regain the full use of her right leg and will be unable to sit or walk indefinitely. Cherney, who was riding in the passenger seat, suffered cuts and abrasions.

On August 14th, Earth First! will sponsor a women's action in San Francisco as part of the ongoing Redwood Summer activities.

The *SF Bay Times* interviewed Bari on July 19 at a Northern California rehabilitation facility, where she continues her recovery.

(SF Bay Times) The Oakland Police dropped transporting explosives charges against you on the 17th of June. What is your reaction?

(Judi Bari) It is about time! I am ecstatic. It was outrageous that they were charging me in the first place. They attempted to try me in the media with their little leaks and innuendo, and just outright lies. From day one their whole case against me was based on outright lies. It's horrible enough to experience the terror of being bombed, without having the additional terror of wondering whether I was going to be able to raise my children or be put in jail for something that I not only didn't do, but that I was the victim of.

What kind of lies did they perpetrate?

Let's start from the beginning. The whole basis for my arrest was that they said that the bomb was in the back seat. When we pointed out that the location of my injuries proved that the bomb was really under the seat, they said, "OK, you're right, but the nails match." They had this crap about nails matching in a batch of 200 to 800. They don't make finishing nails in batches of 200 to 800. They come in on barges from Taiwan in batches no smaller than 50,000. I know this because my private investigator checked it.

Their whole attitude was that I was guilty, and they were going to try to prove it. It's pretty terrifying to have someone out there on the loose trying to kill me and the police making no effort to find them.

What police agencies are involved?

I can name four police agencies that have been complicit. The Oakland Police, the FBI, Ukiah Police, and the Mendocino County Sheriff. All of them have conspired to slander and blame me for my own near death. I think their behavior is and was criminal. We know that the FBI had been investigating Earth First! and had infiltrated Earth First! in other areas. And we know from the experience of the Black Panthers that there is certainly collusion between the Oakland Police Department and the FBI.

There were at least three incidents of very overt violence last year, in addition to the death threats, which the police refused to investigate and make arrests. They were allowing a pattern of violence against Earth Firsters and setting up a political climate in which anyone who wanted to attack Earth First! knew that they would not be prosecuted.

At a meeting in April called to discuss Redwood Summer, the Mendocino Sheriff said, "If you are going to have these demonstrations you are not just going to be dealing with us, you are going to be dealing with the Oakland PD." And I asked, "Why Oakland?" And he said, "Oh, you know, we have these reciprocal arrangements where we can call in any police department, like Marin or San Francisco." It became more significant to me later when I saw the involvement of the Oakland PD.

At this same meeting, I took two of the death threats and put them down on the table. And the police seemed very interested all of a sudden, and they said, "Can we have these?" And I said, "No. If you won't file a report on them, I'm not about to give you them." Sergeant Sattlewhite's response was that, "We do not have the manpower to investigate. If you turn up dead, then we will investigate."

I could not believe that they said that, so I wrote it down and asked other people if they also heard it, and they said they had. The most frightening death threat was a photograph of me with a rifle scope and cross hairs superimposed over it with a yellow ribbon attached to it. It was the Minute Man (a right-wing organization) death squad symbol—there is organized right-wing activity in Fort Bragg where we have done some of our best work at Georgia Pacific.

Although I have no idea who was trying to kill me, who was trying to bomb me and who was sending the death threats, I do know who created the political atmosphere in which this could happen—in which anyone who wanted to get me knew that they would be free of retaliation—and that is the Ukiah Sheriff, the District Attorney, and even the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.

The Lord Avenger's letter that claimed responsibility for the bombing mentioned your presence at an abortion clinic defense. Tell me about that.

Two years ago they were trying to open the first Planned Parenthood Clinic in Ukiah. Operation Rescue came to town and vowed to close this clinic. The clinic was broken into, and the woman who was trying to set it up got bomb threats, and her children were followed home from school. I was outraged by this.

So I set about to organize a counter-demonstration. And when the day came that the clinic was supposed to open, we outnumbered Operation Rescue. I have to admit that I acted pretty outrageously at that demonstration, and in retrospect, of course, they thought I was the devil. The songs that we wrote were written for the very purpose of pushing every one of their buttons. One song was called "Will the Fetus be Aborted?" it was sung to the tune of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" in full gospel harmony. I will just sing you two verses to set the tone:

Bridget had two kids already
And an abortion is what she chose
And the Christians showed her a bloody fetus
And she said, "Fine, I will have one of those."

We completely unnerved the fundamentalists. They were so horrified with us that they did not come back. We ran the right-to-life off with one demonstration, and the clinic opened and has been operating for two years.

Why did you call for Mississippi Summer in the Redwoods?

We were at an impasse. We knew that Forests Forever was likely to pass, but that the timber industry was going to take every tree that they could before it went into effect. I was grappling with the problem of how we could continue in the face of the vigilante violence. The idea of using mass non-violence in response really appealed to me.

In Mississippi, they used to get away with beating up Black kids as long as only Mississippi was watching, but not with the eyes of the nation on them. I did not think that people would put up with the use of violence against organizers if they knew about it. And most people would be appalled if they knew it is legal to cut thousand-year-old trees, and that there was twenty square miles of Redwood clear cuts in Mendocino county.

I saw many parallels, including the absolute corruption of our society. It is the deep South up there, and it is hard for people in the city to realize it, because we are only three or four hours away. There is only one employer: the timber companies. You either work for them or you are unemployed. They control every aspect of society. It is not like Diablo Canyon, the Nevada Test Site, not even Concord Naval Weapons Station, because in all of those cases our only adversary really was the government and its agents. But up in Mendocino and Humboldt County we have an additional adversary, and that is the unaware timber workers who are organized into vigilantes by the timber companies, who parallel the racists in Mississippi.

You said in a May interview in the North Coast paper New Settler *"that for me to use sabotage would be a completely foolish thing for me to do as a mass organizer and as such a well known personality." What do you think is the place of sabotage in the struggle?*

Industrial sabotage is a time honored tradition. It did not start with Earth First! and it will not end with Earth First! I don't think that it matters whether I endorse the use of sabotage or not. I think that using sabotage as a primary technique leads to isolation and retaliation. But sabotage in coordination with a mass movement is an entirely different thing.

Obviously, mass organizers are not going to be the ones out doing the sabotage, and we are not going to tell people to use sabotage. But we recognize sabotage as a legitimate response of people to the dehumanization caused by working this machinery and watching this machinery destroy the earth. When I hear that an automatic logging machine called a feller buncher has burned in the woods—and two of them did last year—I can't help but smile, and I never told anyone to do it. And I do not know how to do it, I don't want to know how to do it, and I don't want to know who did it.

Sabotage is a very private act. If it is done as a public act, it is no longer sabotage. And I do not think that we are up to the point of storming the Bastille and destroying equipment publicly. I don't know if that would work.

Do you think that your work with the mill workers made you more of a target?

Mill workers and loggers have told me they think I was the target because I was able to draw a connection and actually work together with them. Most of the work that I did with them was anonymous, and it was very serious work. It was not the kind of thing that got into the media at all—ever. I tried to find the people who were already radical, and all that I tried to do was offer them a space in the movement so they could organize themselves.

Like what?

Some forkers at Georgia Pacific had PCB's dumped on them, and the company immediately began a coverup and pretended that it was mineral oil. As a result, they did not pump the man's stomach who swallowed it; they didn't even have them change their clothes but continued to run the plant with more and more workers exposed to leaking PCB's. One of the workers climbed up and got the 800 number off of the PCB capacitator and called it and had it tested for PCB. Then he went out and singlehandedly picketed the plant. The workers took it into their own hands; they didn't need me to tell them what to do.

The night before the bombing, Bari and Cherney prepared a slide show for Santa Cruz Earth First'ers. Bari told Cherney to fix the slide show because it was too male-identified for a lot of the Santa Cruz organizers, who were lesbians. Cherney said, "Well, not all of the organizers are lesbians." Bari replied, "Yes, Daryl, only the lucky ones."

Then they began a case with OSHA, trying to get the company fined and restricted. At that point they got mired bureaucracy, and I as an ex-union rep knew exactly every little nuance of the OSHA bureaucracy and how to write the appeals and things like that. So I wrote their appeals for them and they signed them. It was not something that I got credit for; that was not my goal. What I was doing was offering them my skills to help them with their problems.

We discovered that they felt exactly the same way about the forest as we did, and that didn't surprise me at all. I helped provide them with a voice, and I think that work is much more important than the work in which I am standing in front of the camera getting credit and publicity.

How are you able to make those connections?

I know factory work because I have done blue-collar work my whole adult life. I know what it is like to wake up at 7 o'clock in the morning and come home at 7 at night totally exhausted, and have your kids demand dinner and attention, and trying to make ends meet on a salary that does not quite make it, because those are conditions of my life also. It is not just a question of empathy, it is a question of similarity of life.

I really think that I am a movement person, not just an Earth Firster. These companies are anti-life, they are not just anti-tree. They are anti-worker. I do not really see any significant difference between killing a mill worker in the Ukiah Louisiana Pacific mill and killing the forest out in Navarro. We are still fighting corporate greed, and the corporate mentality that is destroying both the earth and the people.

What inspired you to become an environmental activist?

I found myself looking at truck load after truck load of Redwood trees being hauled out of the forest. Thousand-year-old trees that take up the whole truck, all the way down to tiny little trees six inches across that they are using to feed the chip mills. And it was an appalling sight. We are pretty politically conscious up in Mendicino County, but you won't find a very active Central America movement or other movements, because it is really hard to sit there and witness the destruction of the forest. You become obsessed with it.

In another interview you talked about being woman-identified. What does that mean to you?

I have the unfortunate experience of being born heterosexual, loving women and not being able to stand men. The night before the bombing, I told Daryl that he'd better change the slide show because it was too male-identified, and that a lot of the organizers in Santa Cruz were lesbians. And he said something like, "Well not all of the organizers are lesbians." I replied, "Yes, Daryl, only the lucky ones."

I love women in a way that I do not love men. There is a kind of a bond among any oppressed people. I think that women certainly are oppressed people in a more profound manner than any other group than I can think of.

How do you feel being a public figure?

I feel very funny about hero worship and don't want to be an icon. But the fact that my bombing has caused women to stand up in my place—I am real proud of that.

What was your first impression of Earth First!?

Earth First! began as this really macho male dominated thing. It was real hard for me to associate with. It was only when I met the Earth First! women—who are just as strong as can be—that I realized what a media myth this macho thing was. One of the roles that I am also proud of is to have helped affect the feminization of Earth First! Redwood Summer is almost an entirely woman-led action; it's different in character from the men-lead actions.

And for me, I don't really as much draw the distinction between lesbian and non-lesbian. It is just women to me. That may be because I am not a lesbian, but I am certainly identified with women. There are a lot of us, and the men tend to jump in front of the cameras while the women are off doing the work. But we are real significant in the movement; we are shaping the direction of the movement. By sheer attrition we are going to predominate.

The strategy endorsed by the men is this kind of little macho, secretive, off-in-the-woods, holding up of individuals as leaders, instead of a more anonymous and mass type of thing being led by the women. I think their strategy is bound to fail and ours is succeeding.

In almost all of the pictures in the media of you you have your fiddle in hand. Why is your work as á musician important?

One of the things that attracted me to Earth First! was its use of music. It is a tremendously powerful thing that brings out the spirit and joy of the movement. We are trying to create a better world where there is more joy; there isn't much joy in a world of clear cuts and layoffs.

Finding my body broken, my life disrupted, snatched away from my rural environment and taken away from my family, one of the only ways I have been able to endure is to be able to play music. I am not as bad off as I was during the six weeks when you did not hear from me, but there was some real times of despair for me there, and sometimes the only thing that would pull me through was playing music.

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Cruising the Baltics

The Gay Community Comes of Age in Eastern Europe and Russian

Story and Photos by Jack Fertig

What's red on the outside, gay on the inside, and was recently seen going down all around Berlin? Yes, 'twas I on an Eastern tour, bouncing Czechs, satisfying Hungars, vaulting Poles, cruising the Baltics, sitting on Lapps, paying homage at the city of Peter—in Russians where angels feel the tread, and discovering indeed it's true—Letts do it. Let me tell you all.... well, I can't tell you *all* about it, but there are some details worth sharing.

EASTERN EUROPE

The changes are amazing. Even the definition of what is "Eastern Europe" is going through fundamental shifts. As nations chip off the old bloc, gay men and lesbians are finding new voices, new capabilities, and new problems.

The immensity and depth of change is such that one cannot talk effectively and "merely" of the gay communities that are sprouting in post-Socialist Europe. Too many rules are changing. Too much is so very different from what Americans are used to. For example, AIDS is not a political issue according to those I talked with. There is no question that people with AIDS are entitled to the best health care available. The problem is that no matter who you are or what your ailment, available health care may be dismal or worse.

In many ways the gay communities of Poland, Hungary, and Czecho-Slovakia are very like gay America in the '50s and '60s. In many ways the social and economic conditions make this part of the world unlike America at any period of our history. After answering questions about the key and hankie code, I was told that, "In Russia we have a key code, too. If you hold your keys out while you're cruising, it means you have your own flat." In post-Stalinist Europe, housing shortages mean that many adults— even into their thirties and forties—live with parents or in grossly overcrowded shared flats with no privacy.

There are hope and excitement balancing out trepidation and cynicism. The history of this part of the world has taught people to grab their opportunities as they may. In the Baltic nations that have been occupied for most of their histories, I found a common quality of humor, acceptance, and endurance—a sly wit and subtle perseverance that enables people to survive occupation. This same quality served the gays I met in Eastern Europe.

And well they may need it. The anti-communist movement in Eastern Europe has long been sheltered in churches, and in some cases has connections to the preceding fascist regimes. These new democracies are very conservative. "Democracy in Eastern Europe" is a blessing that none would refuse, but it is a mixed blessing providing new problems as well as new opportunities. The Catholic and Orthodox churches are very strong right now, and fag bashing is very bad in Warsaw and Moscow.

OVER THE WALL

Even in Berlin, where there is a relatively advanced gay community, there is nothing like American gay ghettos. There is quite a gay community, but it's more scattered. There is one "real" leather bar. How real was it? Some big hulking hunk dragged me into the bathroom, locked the door, tied me up and gave me a big Berlin welcome that makes Ado Annie's Oklahoma Howdy look like a polite handshake. Not only did my hands shake, but my knees wobbled!

Of course, The Wall in its disintegration was the big attraction. By Brandenburg Gate all us tourists were frantically climbing atop and pounding with hammers and chisels. Naturally, I had to get on top and pounded away! After getting some rocks off I put them into my pocket and continued my tour.

Poignantly a statue faces the Gate and The Wall, a figure with his hands cupped to his mouth. The statue is so eloquent that the caption at its base is unnecessary: "I wander through the world and cry out, 'Freedom.' "

From the giddy carnival of capitalism that surrounds the Zoo Station in West Berlin, one could take an S-Bahn train to the dusty, dirty, grey of Friedrichstrasse station. The contrast between East and West is surreal, and terrifying to the soul.

No Man's Land stretches like a dead giant across the length of the city with a blank white concrete wall along either edge. Now-deserted guard towers with windows broken and fresh graffiti stand as testimony to a terrible chapter just drawing to a close.

As the train draws into the East, war damage is visible, bombed out corners and bullet holes are seeds of continuing deterioration. Dirt and erosion have taken hold and spread as if to punish the city for the crimes of its past. Punishment for The War, for the Nazi crimes that could never be adequately punished. There can only be resolution and forgiveness, but the pain and the horror of The War live in the dirty grey rot of East Berlin. And the East Germans say Berlin is much better off than their other cities.

But East Berlin's gay bars are a hoot! Just a few blocks from Friedrichstrasse Station, there's a charming place. (Sorry I don't have the name and I'm going to slap David Scott when he gets back from Russia. He borrowed my Spartacus guide and notes and he was supposed to return them *before* he left!) Anyway, from the Station you go left, pass the big new theatre with the stained glass, and a few blocks down there's a cute little place with bright light pouring out through a picture window and guys hugging and grabbing ass inside! Kinda like the Twin Peaks with funk and balls. Inside, a waiter in a tuxedo would bring drinks, and if you want to see the *wurst* you can get, order a yummy little weenie with hot mustard. Over the door to the kitchen was a huge plaque with an armored chestplate, helmet, and swords.

Up Schönhauser Allee are more gay bars. One with a 19th century sideboard painted lime green was so tacky it was fun and utterly charming. In the East all the bathrooms have attendants, and on my way out of this WC, a cute little guy with a big blonde moustache and a white apron over his black leather pants passed me a multicolored hand towel from a festive stack of terrycloths stacked neatly folded below a shelf of potted flowers. *Sehr* gay, Sergei!

CZECH IT OUT!

A switchboard serves as the backbone of the gay comunity in Prague—where the telephones work only intermittently. The Lambda Switchboard is open from 6 to 10 Monday through Friday—when you can get through. If you're planning a trip to Prague, you're best off calling ahead. You could write, but Jan Lany, who operates the switchboard along with his lover, Richard, says he is swamped with letters from Americans making inquiries and offering assistance. Right now he needs assistance answering all the letters.

Jan is a slender man with nervous gestures. He exudes a nervous, powerful energy that needs an outlet which he's created in the Lambda Switchboard and the Lambda Club of Czecho-Slovakia. As a professor of English Czech literature, he's had opportunities to travel to England, where he found gay newspapers, organizations and friends. He became active with the the International Lesbian Gay Association, and with their encouragement he founded Lambda. The national organization now has 15 chapters throughout Czecho-Slovakia. The smallest, in Opava, has only five members. The largest, in Prague, has about 300. Jan and Richard do most of the work in Prague, and the organization remains largely social in its focus.

In Czecho-Slovakia, a gay social group is no trivial thing. There are two gay bars in Prague. They are hard to find and harder to get into.

All my efforts to get into the T-Club failed. I was perhaps luckier, at least more successful, at U Petra Roka, which is located around a dark corner from a street that leads away from a Metro station in a residential/shopping neighborhood some distance from the city center. After some insistent cajoling, the gorilla let me in through the iron gate and through the corridor to the stairs leading down to a bar that resembled a '60s Mafioso gay bar. All I met there were hustlers and visitors. The kids were having a great time on the disco floor; the visitors, mostly businessmen who came regularly through Prague, were sitting back bemusedly watching the youngsters.

The Lambda Party would have been harder to find and to enter than U Petra Roka, but Jan escorted me to a suburban neighborhood, where a nondescript lobby behind a locked, guarded door led to a staircase which went down to another subterranean party. Here the crowd was much more "regular guys" enjoying a night out which included dinner, dancing and a show. The food was good, the dancing lively and flirtatious, and the show...

A half-dozen drag queens in pink sheath dresses and diadems made out of pink cardboard and paper lace came out lip synching in Russian. Their show that followed was as good as any I'd seen in America. If there was any mistake in their technique or presentation, the energy of the crowd and the way these Minarettes played off of it made a flawless performance. They all knew their limits, and some stumbled through them shamelessly. A charming small blonde showed her dancing skills while lip syncing *I Could Have Danced All Night*—in Czech. Later, she filled the stage with a rousing cancan. There was also a sixties-modish go-go stewardess who brilliantly exploited her general lack of co-ordination. Unlike too many queens, she knew just when she had won the audience and when to quit.

The climax of this particular show was Czecho-Slovakia's first-ever male *striptyz*. He ended up in a variant of a Statue of Liberty pose, but his hand didn't hold the torch. It may be news to you, too, that foreskins are translucent.

But it's not all fun for these bouncy Czechs. The Lambda Club is also working for a bill in parliament to legalize gay and lesbian partnerships. They've also been working on AIDS prevention and education. As of the beginning of April, there were 162 recorded cases of AIDS in Czecho-Slovakia and eight had died (including two suicides). They've helped to organize "Help with AIDS," which meets every Wednesday, and the Candlelight Vigil for AIDS. Their first vigil, which was the first in Eastern Europe, was a bonfire in a secret location in 1989. In 1990, the Vigil was held more openly in Letna Place in a park overlooking Prague.

Getting word out remains extremely difficult. Copying is very expensive and a photocopier—Lambda's most important need— could only be purchased in hard currency in Austria or Germany. Any hard currency purchase is a brutal expense in Czecho-Slovakia. In most offices, I saw the clerks and workers using manual typewriters. Jan feels lucky to have a Commodore computer. To raise money and establish ties with American gays, Jan Lany is planning a 1991 summer tour, which so far includes engagements in New York, Chicago, Nashville, Miami, and yes, Salt Lake City. Lambda can be reached c/o Jan Lany, Pod Kotlarkou 14, 15000 Prague 5, Czechoslovakia.

SATISFYING HUNGARS

After some years of economic experimentation, Budapest is in some respects very Western. The relative openness of Hungary has allowed for a more openly flourishing gay life than I saw elsewhere in the East.

There are of course the famous Turkish baths, where hands move discretely beneath the waters. Conversations and friendships may be started, but a lot of the action is silent and anonymous, with men putting their wedding rings back on as they leave. The Gellert is right-

An AIDS vigil in Warsaw

ly famous as an art nouveau palace of warmth and wetness, but the Kiraly—more favored by the locals—was built 400 years ago by the Turks and retains an air of Ottoman indulgence.

The older of the city's two gay bars, *the Cafe' Egyetem* is in the heart of the city on Independence Square. Sandwiches and drinks are served by a waitress who, at certain angles, looks hauntingly like Judy Garland. A Western tourist might find it kind of charming but still a dive, with the obvious presence of hustlers and their clientele. But for Eastern Europe, it's a breath of fresh air, a comparatively open, comfortable place to hang out and meet others. Comparatively.

More discretely located, but not hard to find, is the *Lokal*—which was at the time of my visit operated by Hungary's official gay organization, *HomoEros Lambda*. There have since been reports that *HomeoEros Lambda* has dissolved and the *Lokal* has been purchased by a straight woman who intends to keep it running as a gay bar.

As if to testify to Hungary's social advancements, HomoEros Lambda had already split into two distinct groups. One faction retained the name and the Lokal and later dissolved in faction struggles. The original splinter group started a newspaper called *Mas-Ok*, which means "(Those who are) different." *Mas-Ok* comes out as about eight pages monthly. It is ususally mimeographed, although sometimes it can be photocopied at an office "when the coast is clear." About 200 copies of each issue are printed. *Mas-Ok* is an "unofficial" paper and still has the look of a *samizdat*, an underground paper. They're working to get the newpaper officially registered so copies may be kept at the national library and more widely respected press credentials can be carried by its reporters.

Even in an unofficial capacity, *Mas-Ok* has broken new ground, asking party representatives in the recent election where the parties stood on gay issues. Questions of equality for homosexuals had apparently not occured to these fledgling parties, and the answers—where given—reflected the novelty of the issue here. Typically, *Mas-Ok* also features articles on HIV, safe sex, general news and personals ads. They welcome inquiries and subscribers from abroad. Their address is: MASOK, Budapest 13, Pf. 26. 1253.

MOSCOW KNIGHTS

Although I did form some Soviet unions, my Russian rounds make more appropriate reading for a one-handed journal than a real newspaper. I wrote ahead to potential contacts in Moscow and Leningrad and called repeatedly, but to no avail. This could be blamed on what is oxymoronically called the "Soviet system." I found out too late that a letter typically can take a month to be delivered, that telephone service, like any Soviet service (another oxymoron!) is erratic at best.

What I did find was that cruising is amazingly open in front of the Bolshoi Theatre, and much easier even than at Collingwood Park. My first night out, I instantly struck up a conversaton with a young man who was much more eager than available. He shares a room—of course—and Intourist hotels are fortress-like in keeping out visitors. (Prostitutes working the restaurants are a conspicuous exception.)

Bachelor number two, a lovely young blonde, came toward me squeaking out, "Guten Tag." I was so surprised that he wrote it out. Oh, he's deaf! I wrote back *Ya amerikanets* and that my Russian is better than my German. Seryozhka was more fortunately housed, and without hesitation we went back to his place where we taught each other how to fingerspell in our respective alphabets and otherwise spent the night exchanging tongues and fingers. The remarkable part of an otherwise familiar tale was how freely he brought me home. No worries here about the KGB or follow-up questions, although he told me that it once would have been a problem.

My next time out I met Volodya, who smiled at me with unmistakable intent. Not understanding his introduction, I asked him *po-russki* to speak slowly, because I understand Russian very badly. He smiled all the more broadly and said, "I vant to fuck!" I knew enough Russian to reply agreeably, *Ya tozhye khochu yebat'* He then pulled me up in a lewd hug and a lascivious kiss. And a *militsiya* car with two officers was not ten meters away!

For the apparent openness I enjoyed, there is no organized gay community in Moscow. There are, however, some burgeoning efforts. A newspaper, *Tyema* (Theme) has been xeroxed, including an article translated from *Gay Sunshine* about the gay Russian poet, Kuzmin, and an outline of paragraphs under the headline *Bezopasniy Seks* (safe sex). Topics include *massazh, onanizm*, and *seks po-telefonu*. But they're not easy to get. I obtained my copy in Vienna. The Muscovites I met had never heard of it.

POLAND

After three weeks in the Soviet Union, Poland looks and feels absolutely Western! It even feels mid-Western. The land is flat, the streets long and straight in a neat grid, and all the names are Polish—it's just like Chicago! Yes, it's even run by a machine that is very Catholic and anti-gay.

Although it's not easily found, there is a Polish Lambda Union. Lambda has a club room with a bar offering beer, coffee and sodas, open every evening from 6 to 10. There is also a conference room where classes and forums are held on safe sex, legal issues, medical problems, eros in ancient cultures, and other topics of general interest. Tuesday evening is open for rap groups, where people may discuss any kind of problems and hopefully share solutions. Thursday is film night. Saturday there is an improvisational theatrical group. They also train volunteers for the new AIDS information hotline.

Friday at Lambda is nominally women's night, but the large crowd of women generally gives way to the many men who come in. The women there were very eager to have a separate women's space, but as yet they don't have the money. Lambda has money set aside for such a purpose, and the women were confident that money donated to Lambda for women's space would be properly set aside for just that purpose. Lesbian women in Poland have, like their American sisters, sought to work with other radical feminists rather than with gay men, but they have found heterosexual feminists very aloof and apathetic to lesbian issues.

AIDS is a major focus for the Lambda Asociation. Statistics show AIDS to be much more a problem for intravenous drug users than for gay men. Eighty percent of known cases of HIV infection are directly related to needle-sharing. But in Poland, all addicts who seek medical treatment are tested for HIV, and gay men rarely seek testing. In Warsaw's only AIDS ward, there are 11 beds, and about half are usually filled with gay men.

At Poland's first Candlelight Vigil for AIDS there was a mix of all ages and sexes. Not quite a "gay" demonstration, but there was clearly strong gay and lesbian involvement. In a plaza in front of the old castle at the edge of the old city, about three hundred people gathered and lit candles placed on the paving stones to form

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a heart of fire. *Monar*, a Polish drug rehabilitation program, played the leading role in the Vigil, and the literature and buttons promoting AIDS awareness were aimed primarily towards drug users. Safe sex information was also presented. Like the health care system, it was poor by San Francisco standards, yet way ahead of what's offered in most of America.

As I talked with members of the Lambda Club, they were working toward the mid-June opening of a gay disco, called "the Lambda Club." It is privately owned, but 10 percent of the proceeds would be donated to the Lambda Association. The disco is at Al. Marszalkowska 2 in central Warsaw.

A small mimeographed newspaper called *Filo Pismo* is being distributed out of Gdansk. Articles, personals and roughly copied graphics make up this pioneering effort. It's distribution follows lines of word-of-mouth, although the growth of the Lambda Association is creating a demand. Inquiries and subscription requests can be made to Filo, Ryszard Kisiel, Skr. poczt. 577, 80-598 Gdansk 50, Poland. Personals ads are very welcome.

New Lambda groups are also springing up in Krakow and Wroclaw. When I spoke with organizers in Krakow they were filled wth the electric energy of pure possibility, but were still formulating their purpose and structure.

Social networks already exist and can be quite far reaching. A more conservative friend in Krakow spoke of the wonderful efficiency of friends screening their acquaintances and bringing into the circles people who were known to be trustworthy. He was afraid that public groups would prove disruptive and would only attract attention in a dangerous situation. "We don't need money for organizations," he told me. "If Westerners want to help, what they should send is pornography." Erotic information and pictures, he said, would help gay Poles to find validation for their identity, and help them to explore their personal sexual issues.

More politically minded Poles felt that hard currency to invest in copying machines would be of greater use. High tech communications equipment is more available in Poland than elsewhere in Eastern Europe, but the prices are out of reach. As a westerner, I found "ksero" copying very accessible, but the average wage in Poland is equal to about $70 a month. Contributions can be sent to the Lambda Association, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Krakowskie Przedmiescie 24, Warszawa-64, Poland.

TALLINN RHYMES WITH DAHLIN'

Among the winding medieval streets of Tallinn, history was studied—and made—as the first gay/lesbian conference in the Soviet Union took place May 28-30 under the auspices of the Institute of History of the Estonian Academy of Sciences.

Of the 150 participants there were a handful of Estonian educators and reporters and a Soviet Sexologist who was indeed every bit as comical and frightening as that may sound. More on Doctor Zorinsky anon. All the rest were gay men and lesbians eager to share in the fruits of their research.

Some were doing their initial research. In a story to be echoed throughout the conference, a 32-year-old Lithuanian admitted this was the first time he had seen more than five homosexuals together in one room. About half of the conferees were actually from the Soviet Union; the great majority of those were Estonians. Attendees and lecturers from other Soviet republics knew about this gathering principally through word-of-mouth contacts. The Lithuanians, for example, were there only because an American tourist had read of the conference in a San Francisco gay newspaper and told them about it.

An Estonian representative to the Congress of People's Deputies opened the conference proclaiming that repeal of the anti-homosexual laws is now a practical necessity for the care and prevention of AIDS.

Karin Lu"tzen, a Danish folklorist, described the development of lesbian identity. With wry intonations and raised eyebrows, she quoted early psychological papers and Radclyffe Hall's famous work. Karin's delicious sense of humor brought out the absurdity as well as the earnestness of early, typically oppressive and often self-oppressive observations of lesbians.

Ivaka Nogel and Lillian Kotter staff the registration desk at the gay conference in Tallinan

Absurdity grew as someone asked about reports that in the Soviet Union fifty lesbians a year had operations to become men. Here, everybody became aware of Doctor Zorinsky, Soviet Sexologist. Dr. Z. would become infamous this weekend as he asked powerfully built women with jeans and buzzcuts if—since they spoke so knowledgeably on the subject—did they in fact know any lesbians? How many of them had the operations to become men?

Sergei Shcherbakov described recent gay history in Leningrad:

Local vice squads were replaced in the mid-'70s by a branch of the KGB. In Leningrad this "Department 10" operates out of a large, unmarked building on Lityenyiy Prospekt. Looming over this broad, dusty boulevard, this "Big House" is famous as a political prison.

Threatening exposure to family and employers, the KGB would recruit informers. In some cases, convicted homosexuals would be released early from jail under probation to work as informers. Of course, sex with a minor carries stiffer punishment and requires less evidence. Beating a teenage boy, the KGB could get whatever "evidence" it wanted.

In the last two years, a more enlightened attitude has developed. Department 10 was reorganized in 1983 and its duties reassigned to local authorities. Psychiatric treatment is now offered as an alternative to imprisonment.

In May of 1984, Alexander Zaremba had started the Leningrad Gay Laboratory after having met Western students at the University of Kiev. Inspired by stories about the Dutch gay movement, Zaremba invited friends to his flat in Leningrad and tried organizing the existing network of acquaintances into an open community. Thirty members, including four lesbians, came together to promote gay self awareness, to translate gay and lesbian literature into Russian, and to fight discrimination. When the Leningrad Gay Laboratory joined the International Gay Lesbian Association, the KGB took an active interest, following ILGA members visiting Leningrad and infiltrating the group.

All participants in the Laboratory were eventually warned by the KGB to abandon their efforts or face prosecution. Three of the principal organizers, including Zaremba and Shcherbakov, were brought in for questioning and warned to stay away from foreigners. With all the changes in recent years, that provision may or may not be still in effect. Taking a calculated risk, Sergei Shcherbakov came to this conference to meet foreigners as well as fellow citizens. Alexander Zaremba is also considering the recent changes and may make another effort to organize gays in the City of Peter.

With Glasnost, the situation is brightening, however gradually. Repeal of Paragraph 121 is imminent. There is some open discussion of homosexualty—primitive by Western standards, but at least it is being openly discussed. Just as we had to endure and get through the nonsense that proliferated in the '50s and '60s, Russians will have to discuss and dismiss similar nonsense concerning the "need for gender-specific education" and the "problem of childraising by grandmothers."

Sergie Shcherbokov, Leningrad gay liberationist

Lillian Kotter described the situation of lesbians in Estonia after World War II. The war had reduced the population, especially of men. Although women then had many opportunities in jobs and housing, a lot of Russians moved into Estonia, and Estonians reacted by promoting marriage and motherhood to keep the Russians in a minority.

Despite the pressure to marry and reproduce, Estonian lesbians, especially young ones, are coming out more and more. Geographically and linguistically close to Estonia, Finland has its TV and radio broadcasts picked up and readily understood here, making Estonia the most westernized of Soviet republics. A recent Finnish broadcast of *Emmanuelle* brought a lot of women's homoerotic feelings to the surface and led them to explore issues of lesbian identity.

Gays in the Soviet Union are hungry for contact with the West. They asked eagerly if my paper runs personal advertisements. The more politically minded want hard currency to buy photo-copiers. The Soviet Union now has freedom of the press, but access to means of publication is the deciding factor.

At the end of the conference, a party was held in a medieval castle that was as charming as it was ersatz. But the taste of freedom, the excitement of a successful conference, and the hope that filled the halls were entirely genuine. Cruising that had been rippling just below the surface through the days of meetings and talks now burst into the open. Dancing and drinking, hugging and kissing, congratulations and celebration went on into the night. Women snuggled with each other, men kissed with openness unknown until that evening, and History was made in a pale Baltic night.

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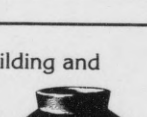

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Of Ballots and Boardrooms: Partners Campaign Gears Up, Family Task Force Moves Insurance Plan

BY ROSE APPLEMAN

Round three of the fight for recognition of domestic partners is officially underway: Supervisor Harry Britt has submitted his initiative to the Registrar of Voters. Mayor Agnos' Task Force on Family Policy (TFFP) has begun to oversee implementation of its 25 recommendations — proposals which range from health insurance for domestic partners of city workers to measures in support of the African-American family. Said Britt aide Jean Harris, "This could be the year we bury the notion of the traditional family."

By going to the ballot, Britt and friends hope to win affirmation of lesbian/gay relationships and testimony to our political strength. They have set up a test of public acceptance, and of the community's ability to push a particular agenda. This is not incompatible with the TFFP's goals, but it makes lots of people nervous. They fear that a failure at the ballot box would poison the political climate, endangering the Task Force's painstaking administrative/legislative work.

PARTNERS CAMPAIGN

The new ballot measure, as expected, provides a simple mechanism for registering partnerships, with no benefits attached [see sidebar]. It was deliberately constructed to avoid the weak points of last year's Prop S. Matt Coles, the attorney who drafted the legislation, explained that "What this confers is recognition for our relationships, and the possibility that that could be used elsewhere... it provides a structure that the city could use for health insurance, that private industry could use."

According to Jean Harris, the young campaign already has substantial commitments of in-kind services and a list of 1,500 volunteers gathered from Gay Day and tabling at 18th and Castro. They plan to raise $25-50,000 between now and September, and focus first on an absentee ballot/registration drive among lesbian and gay voters. The Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club gave the initiative a solid early endorsement on July 24. An exploratory meeting with members of the Black Leadership Forum, the Bayview-Hunters Point Democratic Club and Doris Ward's campaign has already been held.

Now that the initiative is reality instead of a rumor, some of the questions of feasibility are giving way to questions of strategy. One prominent early concern is that the effort will be too low-key, ill-equipped to deal with a strong negative campaign against it. "The religious right will come out again, and we need to counter that," said Lawrence Wong, head of minority outreach for Yes on S. "We have to work our butts off to make this thing happen."

Highlights of the New Domestic Partners Ballot Proposal:

- must live together.
- assume joint responsibility for costs of basic food and shelter. If you get health insurance as a partner, you become liable for your partner's medical expenses as well.
- cannot have had different partners within the last six months. (This doesn't apply if a previous partner died.)
- can register by filing a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the county clerk or having such Declaration notarized and witnessed. Couples who register with the clerk must have a home in San Francisco or at least one partner who works in the city.

If you would like more information or are interested in helping pass this proposition, contact Supervisor Harry Britt's office at 554-5148.

LOOKING FOR COMMON GROUND

With the initiative in place, its supporters have been more willing to acknowledge the work of the Task Force on Family Policy as complementary rather than threatening.

The Task Force worked from the commonalities among non-traditional families, lesbians and gay men included, rather than our uniqueness. After close to a year of interviews, study and discussion, it has compiled a list of concrete reforms which it hopes will add up to a city more aware of and hospitable to diversity. Some of its recommendations are of immediate benefit only to city workers, but if implemented provide precedent and experience for the private sector.

Many involved hoped the Task Force could be a unifying force in a period scored by polarization in city politics. Some dialogue was opened and relationships were established over its year of work, particularly with the African-American community. Rev. Amos Brown, for example, a key opponent of Prop S, has expressed his support for the Task Force document. Some potential for outreach remains. Karen Pierce, president of the Bayview-Hunters Point Democratic Club, notes that "there was no real communication" between the Task Force and her organization, but "family remains a foremost concern of many people who are activists, not only in the Black community but among all ethnic groups. A task force on families could get a lot of support in the total community."

INSURANCE AND OTHER GOODIES

Though the TFFP's concept is large, its work is all about nuts and bolts. The big splash when the group presented its final report in June was its agreement-in-principle with insurers on health coverage for domestic partners and adult children of city employees.

A Task Force survey found around 5,000 adult children and 3,700 partners who could be covered. Approximately half those partners are straight, a quarter are gay and a quarter lesbian. Children up to age 18 are already eligible; this would raise the age limit to 24.

Under the agreement, employees will pay for the new coverage, as they already do for spouses and dependents. The city will pay an extra $3 per partner per month to soothe insurers' anxiety about covering a perceived "high risk" group. This surcharge, totaling about $1.1 million for the first year, will come out of the Health Service System's reserve pool, which currently holds about $7 million.

(Reserves accumulate when the amount the city contributes for employee coverage — set by formula according to the City Charter — is larger than the amount insurers charge the city. These are operating reserves, earmarked for medical expenses beyond what insurers will reimburse: organ transplants, for example, or intensive care for premature infants. No money will have to come out of the city's general fund for the partner coverage.)

When Kaiser first agreed to cover domestic partners for the city of Berkeley, it imposed a similar surcharge, but phased it out over two years. Neither Berkeley, Santa Cruz nor West Hollywood report any difference in claims experience between insured domestic partners and other employees.

The Task Force plan for partner/adult children coverage must now go through the Health Service Systems Board (HSSB). At press time, it will probably be in committee. It is expected to come before the full board in October or November. If approved, it will be incorporated into HSSB's contracts with insurers, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for ratification next February or March; if passed, it will be effective next July.

Other TFFP proposals now in motion involve changes in leave policy for city workers: expanding bereavement leave, removing the limit on the amount of sick leave that employees can use to care for dependents, and creating new categories of religious and family care leave. The Civil Service Commission has the power to implement these changes by modifying its rules; the matter is on its agenda for September. If approved, the new policies could go into effect immediately.

The Health Commission acted on another Task Force recommendation with its June 19 resolution affirming hospital patients' rights to "visits from persons with significant but not legally recognized relationships, such as domestic partners." The resolution, which applies to private as well as public hospitals, also directs them to make information on durable power of attorney for health care available to all patients. (Durable power of attorney enables you to name the person who would make health care decisions for you if you are not competent.)

BOARDROOM POLITICS

Winning approval for the changes in leave policy and insurance eligibility will be a matter of counting votes, lobbying, and securing supportive public input. With a majority of Agnos appointees on both the Health Service Systems Board and the Civil Service Commission, the TFFP is cautiously optimistic.

Two Task Force members sit on the HSSB: Claire Zvanski of Local 790 is vice-president, and Jack Loos represents insurers. As chair of the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, Nancy Walker is automatically on. The most conservative of the seven members is Harry Paretchin from the Fire Department; representatives from the police department and the City Attorney's office round out the board.

Zvanski predicted "there will be 'active discussion' around domestic partners, gay and straight." She added that she expects the focus to be economics, not ideology. The Health Service System does not function with a huge cushion, she said, and board members will have to "balance fiscal responsibility with our desire to do everything we can for our co-

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Some of the Sha'ar Zahav Bar/Bat Mitzvah attendees at the June 30 event.

Mazel Tov! Sha'ar Zahav Celebrates a Bar/Bat Mitzvah

BY KAREN LEE ERLICHMAN

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a progressive Reform synagogue in the city, has turned thirteen, and in keeping with Jewish tradition, celebrated with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Sha'ar Zahav was founded in 1977 to create a place for gay and lesbian Jews to worship together and to develop a sense of community. Since then, the congregation has become a visible and respected institution in the gay/lesbian community as well as among Jews in the Bay Area.

"Just a few years ago we had 112 members, and now we have over 520. The growth of the synagogue has been phenomenal," *kvells* Sharon Saslafsky, a congregation member for nearly ten years. The membership has grown so large that the synagogue is rapidly outgrowing its *shul* located in the Castro/Upper Market section of San Francisco. High holiday services are usually attended by well over a thousand people (members and non-members), and have been held at the Unitarian Center in order to accommodate the number of people. "The pride and success are so important...[Sha'ar Zahav's] real concept is family...we even have a Hebrew school, *Kadimah*, for the children."

In addition to its Hebrew school, in its first 13 years, Sha'ar Zahav has developed an impressive list of accomplishments that would make any Jewish mother proud: hiring a full-time rabbi, Yoel Kahn; developing a unique, non-sexist liturgy; publishing a cookbook, *Out of Our kitchen Closets,* as a fundraiser for CSZ and the SF AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Sha'ar Zahav also has participated in a number of important community efforts, including the Mayor's Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness, the Sanctuary movement, fundraising to assist Ethiopian and Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate, as well as ongoing fundraising for the AIDS Foundation. Sha'ar Zahav has also initiated the *Bikkur Cholim* program to reach out to people with AIDS, their families, lovers and friends. One Sunday each month, members of the *Bikkur Cholim* committee (and other congregation members) go to Kaiser/SF to offer food and entertainment for patients with AIDS. "We don't have the kind of money that the big movers and shakers have, but our commitment is there," says Saslafsky.

Sha'ar Zahav has also made a conscientious effort to provide a non-sexist environment and to foster congregational leadership among women as well as men. "Years ago there used to be a lot more men than women. Now, 52 percent of the members are men, and 48 percent are women. More women are getting involved and comfortable in what Judaism is all about. We're not just the sisterhood." Sha'ar Zahav has established the Women's Havurah and the Brotherhood to create social alternatives for its male and female members.

Saslafsky describes the synagogue as "a typical 13-year-old. Every day it needs a new pair of sneakers because its feet are growing so much!" Members of Sha'ar Zahav are considering some long-range visions: "We are concerned about how to meet the needs of the AIDS crisis, as well as if and how to buy a new building. Can we raise the money? How do we address the desire for spiritual and social connection within the gay and lesbian Jewish community?"

On Friday, June 29, there was a special Shabbat Service at which five community members, including Mayor Art Agnos, were honored. Then on Saturday night, June 30, "the Thirteenth Anniversary Celebration" was held at the War Memorial Building. The celebration included dancing and musical entertainment with "Hot Borscht," a live band, as well as champagne and dessert. Community members as well as members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav gathered to *shep naches* at both events.

Congregation president Merry Luskin describes what she felt at the Friday night service: "The sense of family...we were celebrating something very long term and permanent. This was a night when people felt especially loving and friendly and open." Luskin says over 600 people attended the Friday night service. "I saw people of all ages there.. it was a very open mixed crowd. [The celebration] was very much an outreach occasion. It was an expression of our coming of age in the Jewish community...I brought a friend from back East who belongs to a gay congregation there, and she said she felt that [Sha'ar Zahav] was *her* congregation too." The Saturday night gala celebration turned out to be quite the social scene. "I have never seen so many lesbians in black cocktail dresses before!" exclaimed Luskin.

Luskin is the newly elected President of Sha'ar Zahav, and she is "feeling very happy and excited about [being president]...the synagogue has helped me blossom as a person and find my strengths...I have a real sense of commitment." Luskin and former President Mike Rankin are on the planning committee for the 1991 Regional Biennial Conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the Reform branch of Diaspora Judaism which recently produced a statement in support of ordaining gay and lesbian rabbis. Another exciting event in Sha'ar Zahav's near future is the hosting of the 1991 annual conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, which will be held in San Francisco on Memorial Day weekend.

For more information about becoming a member of Sha'ar Zahav, or about any of their upcoming events, please call the synagogue at 861-6932.

Partners...

workers/employees."

Though the proposals before it are less controversial, the Civil Service Commission is described by a reliable source as "a conservative motley crew." Two of its five members were appointed by former mayor Dianne Feinstein and represent the city's "less progressive" business elements. The others may be more receptive: Carlotta DelPortillo, who is running for school board, ex-Human Rights Commission head Grant Mickins, and Richard Tomoda, the newest mayoral appointee. Commission staff strongly supports the leave policy changes, and their advocacy is expected to be extremely helpful.

By drawing on their own networks and the people consulted in their inclusion interviews, Task Force organizers believe they will be able to marshall significant support from several quarters — lesbians and gays, people of color, welfare and disability rights activists. Three representatives of public employee unions sit on the Task Force, and they expect strong backing from their members.

It's not yet clear whether this support will need to be mobilized. Discussions at both the HSSB and the Civil Service Commission will be open to the public, creating the distinct possibility of an appearance by the traditional values crew.

Once the implementation process for the family leave and insurance changes is well under way, the Task Force will focus on its proposals involving the Department of Social Services—and a whole different set of political dynamics. It will confront the impact of budget cuts, added to a legacy of activist frustration and institutional racism and lethargy.

Many TFFP proposals mirror recommendations presented to the Department over a year ago by the African American Task Force on Children: intensified efforts to recruit African-American foster parents, interventions to reduce the need for foster care, training to enable participants in the GAIN program to be foster parents for medically fragile infants. Response to the Task Force on Children was excrucitingly slow; one source close to the situation blamed the Department's "inherent racism, lack of commitment to African-American families, and inability to shift its resources as needed."

Recently DSS has taken some initial steps on recruitment and, by many accounts, begun to take a critical look at itself. Activists are dimly hopeful that with the weight of the mayor's task force on the wheels, changes will move faster. Sharen Hewitt of the Coalition for an African-American Community Agenda remains concerned, noting that "the Department has never to my knowledge produced a strategic planning document... and without that, it is making a patchwork attempt to resolve a critical situation."

If you are interested in the domestic partners campaign, contact Supervisor Harry Britt's office, (415)554-5148.

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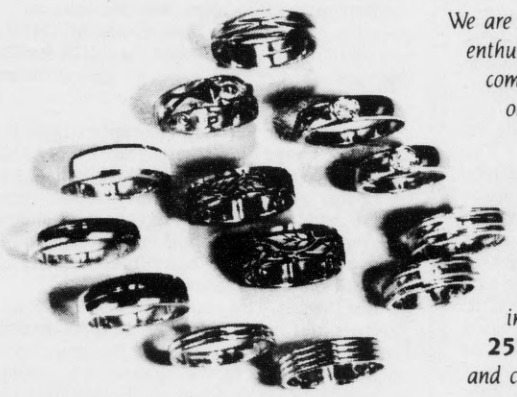

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Letters...

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Women and people of color who have AIDS and have help from the community are supported not because they are women or people of color, but because they share the disease with a much more privileged population. Shanti, which now serves only people with AIDS, had no support to give when a friend was dying of the wrong disease—cancer. White gay males should not forget that the reason there are as many resources poured into AIDS as there are, is because they are white males. If you think your resources are limited now, try doubling or tripling your oppression and see how dispensable you are. When a disease afflicts poor people of color or women, very little attention is forthcoming.

At this year's parade, it was sickening to watch the endless contingents dealing with AIDS and see only two small contingents that dealt with cancer and other women's health issues. The composition of the parade is very much a reflection of who has resources in the community.

Lesbians defining our own needs is not a novel idea and shouldn't be treated as such by white gay men. The fact that it is, makes it clear how apolitical and self-serving the white gay male community is. It is not up to males (gay or otherwise) to say what they think about any Lesbian issue. They do not suffer our oppression or begin to understand our experiences and the least they can do is to recognize when to be silent.

Petra Lamaschtu Birgit Schirra
Naomi Falcone Madeleine Winter
San Francisco

Remember All Who've Died

After being challenged by a woman friend about the numbers of women represented on the Quilt, I decided to check the situation out for myself. I looked up statistics on the number of women who have died of AIDS and found that it is one of the leading causes of death for women in New York City. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate accurate records for San Francisco. Where did these women go? Were women given access to a Quilt run by men? For the first time I was confronted by a contradiction in human nature. Selfish people help themselves and ignore others.

Are men selfish when they ask for help? That seems to be an underlying issue in the July letters debate over Paula Gutierrez' letter. I'm not sure of the answer exactly, since I've known both men and women active in AIDS issues. However, when I was discussing this latest flurry of letters over the AIDS epidemic, I was reminded that in most debates men side with men and women side with women. All the people who trashed Gutierrez were men—without exception.

Personally, I think it takes a lot of guts for minority women to speak up in print. I've watched enough men at meetings to see how they silence women in discussions or simply refuse to discuss anything of interest to women. I haven't seen women do this much. While I don't agree with everything Gutierrez or anyone else says for that matter, I did notice that most of the men with the exception of John-Michael Olexy, took on the same woman hating tone that they accused Gutierrez of adopting. As for Olexy's letter, he perfectly illustrates Gutierrez' point about women's invisibility when they die. I would hope that Olexy might take the time to make a Quilt panel for the "black" woman he brought food to. She has a name and deserves to be remembered just like all the men who make Quilt panels for other men. We have to remember every name in the AIDS crisis. All people who die deserve to be remembered. If women are not equally present on the Quilt, then what are we as a community really saying? How do people find out about how to get panels on the Quilt anyway? Is it through the gay male network, our presses? Do we advertise this service to all in Spanish language papers? I don't think I've read anything about this. I would encourage an investigation of this, otherwise we are doing the same thing to others that we are fighting against. Remember all the people who've died!

H. Llewellyn McKeown
San Francisco

PWAs at The Parade

Dear Editor,

This letter was given to me by John Lorenzini to have typed and mailed to you. He wrote it the day before he died. He will be remembered by all of us in Alameda County for his social and political activism on behalf of gay men and all persons with AIDS.

Rest peacefully, John. We love you.

John C. Daw, Executive Director
The Center for AIDS Services
Oakland

Fellow Lesbians and Gays,

I went to the Parade Celebrations again this year like I have for so many years in the past. I was excited at seeing many whom I had not seen for a year celebrating who we are and the progress we've made from the early days of the Stonewall beginnings, the all important participation of such a diverse and truly beautiful community and the just plain celebration.

But I'm sad. This year people with AIDS were visitors and not in the parade. If we had the strength, we could march with the many loving organizations that have supported us. My earliest memories of PWA-Alliance, National Association are about *empowerment*...not about helplessness, not about being taken care of, but being given the dignity to participate to the best of our abilities. It has been difficult and frustrating to lose our "PWA-Alliance" and our "Fighting for our lives" banners every year. It has been painful to lose special, hardworking and dedicated PWA/ARC's every year. We are a very vital part of the lesbian and gay heritage. We, with the very special help of others, have done much to give our community pride, a sense of accomplishment and a true place in history. I miss Dan Turner, John Bilkus and Bill Paul (just three of many so recently lost). I love and respect Brian Smith, Hank Wilson, Reggie Williams, Richard Rector, A.J. Williams, Gary Harmon and Bart Casimer, just to name a few who are doing so much right now. And I know that we could think of more.

I hope in future times that we never neglect our history, those who deserve our pride and knowledge and those who have contributed to our lesbian and gay family. That includes incredible and well-deserved recognition of some of our lesbian sisters who have done so much about AIDS. Remember AIDS is not a punishment, curse or a failure...it has been our challenge that we have been winning. Winning not through death, suffering or loss, but because we have done so much for our own family. *We are growing up*—painfully, but with a maturity that can never be ignored.

Sincerely,
John Lorenzini

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson were in San Francisco last month—together!!!—being honored by Lamda Legal Defense Fund and the NOW. It was Sharon's first public appearance with Karen, and a moving moment for those in attendance.

Re: Sexual Mutilation of Boys By Mothers

I write in response to John S. Connolly III's letter (June 1990). For the sake of brevity, I will focus on Connolly's sexual mutilation accusations of mothers.

Mr. Connolly is a very naive man to claim that mothers have so much power. How dare he suggest that women conspire to mutilate their male children via conventional circumcision practices. If circumcision is sexual mutilation, I can hardly imagine why doctors, the majority of whom are male, continue to recommend and/or perform the procedure. Furthermore, I find it difficult to conceive of mothers having the desire or the prerogative to sexually mutilate their sons while the fathers—passive as Connolly would make them out to be—meekly stand by.

It is a fact that many boys are circumcised mainly because the father is circumcised; and it is the father that pleads on behalf of his son that they might not suffer the embarrassment of being different from one another. Circumcision is widely practiced: only recently diminishing to about 50 percent. Apart from the religious significance, its acceptance is based on tradition and unsubstantiated notions of health and hygiene benefits. Some parents fear an uncircumcised boy will suffer ridicule from peers.

When I was pregnant with my first son I did not have access to any information that favored the choice *not* to circumcise. I was very much pressured by my doctor, a male, who insisted that I opt for circumcision. I questioned the practice only because my father, brothers and my husband were all uncircumcised. My suggestion not to circumcise our son was unopposed by my husband since he wanted his son to be like himself.

Though we did not circumcise our son, the doctor advised us to forcibly retract the foreskin, thereby breaking the natural protection. I refused to do this myself as I felt it was unnecessarily brutal. My husband insisted on carrying out the doctor's instructions to my son's dismay. Years later, after reading a very carefully researched article by a nurse, a woman, I realized that the numerous infections my son had had were due to the prematurely forced retraction of his foreskin prescribed by our *male* doctor, however, and not a result of uncircumcision which many subsequent *male* doctors had determined.

The informative article on circumcision provided me with a well-written and convincing argument against the practice: affirming the lack of any significant scientific or medical evidence supporting the surgery. I would not have been otherwise able to successfully oppose my second husband's adamant desire that *his* boy, my second son, be circumcised in *his* likeness.

It is my experience that *parents* have lacked the necessary information to make an informed decision regarding circumcision. Because it is such a common practice, few people question it: especially if the father of the boy is circumcised himself. I was not certain, from Mr. Connolly's letter, if he was aware that most baby boys have *two* parents that make decisions on his behalf: evidenced when he referred to "the monstrous sexual 'surgery' most infant boys are put through by their mothers!"

I find it incredible that Connolly empowers mothers with a political "tool to control and withhold pleasure from the male." And how very anatomically ignorant of him to equate clitoridectomy (by which females completely lose the ability to achieve orgasm) with circumcision: a condition which hasn't raised enough objections by an enormous population of so-called victims to convince the perpetrators of their abuse, most of whom are *male* doctors, to discontinue the barbaric practice.

Obviously, Connolly is suffering from a rampant form of denial of the omnipresent and omnipotent patriarchy/rape culture through which women are the oppressed and powerless victims of women-hating men such as himself.

Pamela Radamaker
Fremont

Censorshit

Lisa Abrams' supposed logic in her decision to censor Mark Chester's photographs is questionable, to say the least. Believe it or not, Ms. Abrams, women who have been sexually abused as children can and do enjoy sexual relationships with men, as well as sexual images of men. An image is just that, an image; it has only as much control over you as you give it. In any case, anyone who is disturbed by the image of an erect penis should not even venture to attend an art show promoting freedom of expression, let alone attempting to curate it.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Courage

I want to thank the *Bay Times* for having the courage and political sense to print the six photographs of me by Mark I. Chester which New College removed from their walls ("Policing Our Own: Censorship in San Francisco," June 1990 SF Bay *Times*). The many responses I have gotten, from strangers as well as friends, have been very positive. In some cases, these responses have been deeply touching; more than one person has told me he is sending the pictures to a friend or a relative with KS, "who should see them." That, to me, is entirely sufficient proof of the rightness of your decision to print the photos.

Yet I am sure that some of the responses you will get will be from people who are offended by the photographs. I would love to be wrong about this. To these people I would say, as I would to their friend Jesse Helms: Grow up.

Robert Chesley
San Francisco

Offending & Being Offended

Kudos for your balanced reporting of the New College censorship incident in the last issue. Your honest exposure of the New College controversy was necessary so that all parties directly involved and the community at large can learn and grow from the experience. We need to have more respect for each other's intelligence and sensibilities. Everyone has the right to offend and everyone has the right to be offended. Mr. Chesley is quoted: "Nobody ever dies from being offended," and as Mr. Chester pointed out, we can be challenged to examine our own

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Clinic Defense continues: Operation Rescue struck San Mateo Planned Parenthood on July 27, and BACAOR (Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue) turned out to turn them away. BACAOR still needs our support; call 626-5510 to get involved.

feelings.

I suspect that many people would be offended (contrary to the opinion of the Dean of New College Law School) by an exhibit of photos of churches at a benefit to promote freedom of expression and to fight censorship. Hopefully they would question the exhibiting artist as to the photos' relevance and not just summarily dismantle the show as was done to Mr. Chester's.

Personally, I'm not offended nor frightened by a picture of a man with a hard-on. Unfortunately, some heterosexual men like Jessie Helms and some straight and lesbian women are (albeit for different reasons in some cases). In sympathy with those people who find the presentation of the erect penis offensive, I must confess that I sometimes find the graphic presentation of the vulva and a clitoris offensive. However, I support the right of the artists to create and exhibit such work (and offend me). A few years ago the feminist artist, Judy Chicago, presented a show of her ceramics and stitchery ("women's work" as she called it) at The S.F. Museum of Modern Art. Her *Dinner Party* for great women of herstory featured individually crafted ceramic plates, many of which represented the female genitalia in flagrant arousal. This exhibit redefined the meaning of eating-out in San Francisco for the museum-going public. Yet I do not recall any negative criticism and certainly there was no censorship. The portrayal of a phallus in Mark Chester's photos provoked an altogether different response from women who probably did or would have showered praise on the Chicago show. I know that's a presumption, but from the contents of the article, I feel it's justifiable.

Mark I. Chester's photographs of Robert Chesley are humorous, poignant and courageous. These qualities best describe the vision the photos present of a gay man, who is battling AIDS—his skin covered with K.S. lesions, massaging his penis to a massive erection as he dons a Superman costume. That Robert Chesley retains his sexuality and humor while combating this powerful foe epitomizes the courage that is evident among our gay warrior brothers (and others) fighting on the front line against the death our detractors so smugly anticipate for us. I see in these photographs a proud man who promises no regrets and no backsliding into the moral mud of the churches and of the unconfronted fears of lesser men. A portrait of a man true to his full humanity.

Jim Campbell
San Francisco

What A Lesbian Is

In response to Karen Lee Erlichman's statement in her article "Lesbians and AIDS: Still Invisible After All These Years," in the June, 1990 issue, that Lesbians fuck men: Lesbians *don't* fuck men, *bisexuals* do!

Madeleine Winter
Naomi Falcone
San Francisco

Bisexual Identity

I am writing in response to the article covering the Bisexual Conference, July, 1990 ("First Nat'l Biseuxal Conference: Hundreds Celebrate an Emerging Community"). Rather than address the article or issue of bisexuality as a whole, I would like to discuss one point raised by the article and that can be summed up with a quote from that article—"Several people spoke, with frustration but also with sympathy, of the substantial number of people within the gay and lesbian community who are *closeted* bisexuals," (emphasis mine).

Although it is important to recognize a diversity of sexual experiences and expressions within the lesbian and gay communities, and while some of the community might very well have chosen a bisexual lifestyle (if sexual considerations vis-à-vis the Kinsey scale were the only components of identity), we must recognize that many of these same people have consciously chosen to actively live a lesbian/gay lifestyle, and participate in the community and the world as a whole as clearly identified lesbians and gay men. This is not a "cop-out," nor is it choosing to live "closeted" as the quote above implies: rather, it is rooting one's identity in a lesbian/gay experience.

As a gay person I resent the fingerpointing at the lesbian/gay community for a so-called lack of acceptance of bisexual people. Such fingerpointing fails to acknoweldge that many straight people—especially men—have same sex experiences throughout their lives, and yet live in committed heterosexual relationships, and identify as straight (to the point of disowning their "homosexual" experiences). These straight people, perhaps because of homophobia which creates guilt and shame, are often some of the most homophobic people. Why is it, once again, that the lesbian and gay community is being condemned as anti-bisexual, not the straight world for its lack of acceptance of anything lesbian/gay? Does this derive from the fact that we, as lesbians and gays, are less powerful than the straight world and its institutions, so that it is easier to deal with so-called prejudice in our community? Or, is it that the straight press and institutions won't even give a space to hear from bisexuals?

If bisexual people want acceptance from the lesbian/gay movements, let them come out as *our* allies, as allies for lesbian and gay rights in a world that clearly chooses to exclude and oppress us. How about a contingent in the Lesbian/Gay Parade with a banner that proclaims: "Bisexuals for the Rights of Lesbians and Gays"?

The diversity of sexualities in our community is not really the issue—the issue is one of power and privilege, and how one chooses to present oneself in the world in light of the issues of power and privilege. The issue is also one of history: I resent the use of the term "closet" to refer to so-called bisexuals in the lesbian/gay community. Such a use of "closet" dismisses and diminishes the historical and personal significance that "coming out of the closet" has for every gay person. In coming out as gay—as so many of us know—we run the risk of losing our families, our jobs, and a sense of security in the world. "Coming out" as a bisexual within the lesbian/gay community does not entail such risks; having a girlfriend if one is a man, or a boyfriend if one is a woman does not entail the risk of losing the love of one's family, and so on.

As a gay person I can only ask that the lesbian/gay journals and presses continue to explore and discuss lesbian/gay sexualities and identities that are clearly lesbian/gay oriented. We all need these discussions.

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Oakland

Bisexual Conference a Landmark

Thank you for running the article on the Bisexual Conference, which was for many of us both a landmark in bisexual history and a rare experience of true community.

There were two errors in the information about U.C. Berkeley. The student group cited is not the MLBGA. It is the MBLGA: Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian Gay Alliance. The order of the words is in response to the traditional marginalization within some sexual minority communities of people of color, bisexuals and women. Needless to say, it was not the action of any one person that enabled this, but a group effort to transform the leadership, system of representation and government.

Additionally, one group was left out when the author described the composition of the United Front. This highly vocal coalition, formed last year to agitate for such issues as affirmative action, diversity, and tenuring, includes African-American, Asian/Pacific, Chicano/Latino, Native American, and Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay student organizations.

Sarah McKibben
Berkeley

ACT UP Terrorists

Funk and Wagnalls *New Standard Dictionary* (the big fat one), defines terrorism as: "The act of terrorizing, or the state of being terrorized; coercive intimidation; employed by anarchists of the deed."

Make no mistake about it. ACT-UP is a terrorist organization, and the only thing left to debate is the question of degree. It is true that they aren't blowing up airliners and killing women and babies. So it's only a question of degree.

ACT-UP members are behaving like a bunch of petulant children who shout, "We demand that you throw a ton of money at the problem; demand a cure by Thursday, and if we don't get it, we're going to stamp our feet and hold our breaths until we turn blue. So there!"

All of the police overtime to deal with them, the costs of cleaning up the intersection of Market and Van Ness, all of the damages must be paid for out of public funds. Therefore, I make the following demands:

1. That the politicians (federal, state and local), stop appeasing them and state publicly, "Effective immediately, all damage costs, police overtime, etc., caused by ACT UP will be paid for immediately and at once out of funds set aside for AIDS relief. Terrorists must not be allowed to win, or even seem to be winning. Terrorism has to be dealt with firmly."

The majority of the Gay/Lesbian community doesn't support them, and among the non-Gay community, they have less than 2 percent support. The damage that they are doing to the Gay/Lesbian cause is incalculable.

2. That the company that makes AZT reveal to us what percent of their AZT sales dollars go for plant and personnel security.

3. That it is the AZT manufacturer's policy that if the manufacturing plant is bombed, or other-wise destroyed or damaged by ACT UP, then the supply needs of all other countries will be met *in full* before any surplus is applied to the needs of the United States Gay community.

And if members of ACT-UP still can't grasp how much of the goodwill slowly and painfully built up by the Gay community in San Francisco that they have desroyed, then let them try on this scenario:

As they read this issue, let them substitute the word "alcoholism" every time they see the word AIDS in print. And let them substitute the phrase "cirrhosis of the liver" (*sic.*) everytime they see the words KS, PCP or PWA.

Now let us further imagine an organization DRINK UP! who terrorize the rest of the population and march around with signs reading: "We demand new livers!" "We demand non-poisonous alcohol; we want it now, and plenty of it!" "The government owes us new livers!" "Why the hell should we practice safe drinking. New livers = civil rights!"

If ACT-UP wants to do something useful, let them take on those back-sliders who have stopped practicing safe sex. Or don't use clean needles. And if that isn't enough of a job, why not do their demonstrations outside the homes of known gay-bashers.

Sign me, Anonymous
San Francisco

Photo by Rink

Tourist Special: "Queer Nation" hosted a kiss-in on Powell Street at the Cable Car turnaround last month, providing a little something extra for those folks from Peoria.

An Apology to the City of San Francisco

On behalf of the Institute of Absurdity, Demetrius Toferas, and myself, I wish to publicly apologize for the recent ugly, painful and misleading advertising allegedly originating from the Institute, concerning our recent play, "The Execution of Abe Goldstein, a Depraved Homosexual." Posters and taped messages advertising "Gas a Jew Queer" did *not* originate at the Institute, and in no way represent the view and/or policy of the Institute of Absurdity. I feel ashamed that the Institute has been falsely associated with Racist and Homophobic propaganda, and want to offer my deepest apologies for any pain this "piece of Bad Taste" has caused.

Those who have seen "The execution of Abe Goldstein," or are familiar with our plays and how we operate, know that we do not engage in this type of cheap and de-humanizing publicity for short-term gain. Our view is a dignified and humanistic, Classical View of Man; to stoop to levels of such profound stupidity is an affront to the very masters upon which our school, The Institute of Absurdity, is founded and structured. "The Execution of Abe Goldstein" is a re-interpretation of Toteras' play from 1956, and involves the arguments of execution and justice; it allows the audience to participate emotionally with the themes, but in no way targets or promotes a particular view. *All views* are expressed, freely and openly, at our plays, and "The Execution of Abe Goldstein" is no exception. We perform classical theater; we do not race bait or attack people because of their sexuality. This is far below the dignity of the school, and is not tolerated in *any* way or in *any* association with us.

So, it is with this in mind that the Institute has decided to close "The Execution of Abe Goldstein" at the Rose and Thistle in San Francisco. Since our intent in theater is to examine and never *to hate,* I must respectfully ask you all, once again, to accept my apology to all individuals and community organizations for this distasteful and revolting matter. Please look for this play to return again at a time and place, to be announced in the near future.

Tad Baker
San Francisco

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

The State of the Science at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS

The headline story from the Sixth International Conference on AIDS is that (as expected) no "blockbuster" advances were announced. But behind the headline, this Conference produced much useful information, more than any previous meeting. Few reporters, scientists, or physicians can look through all the information presented; therefore many potentially useful developments may be lost, and never be reported in the general press or even in scientific journals.

For this issue we are lucky to have the report from San Francisco's Dr. Marcus Conant on some of the major Conference developments as seen by one of the country's leading HIV physicians. He has treated AIDS since it was first discovered, and has conducted clinical trials of experimental treatments and published over 30 papers on AIDS and HIV since 1983. Immediately after the Conference, Conant met informally with other leading physicians to review the information reported, and to seek consensus on how it should affect their practices.

On July 2, Conant called a two-hour public meeting in San Francisco to tell his patients and others about results of the Conference and the physicians' review session. What follows is from that meeting.

AZT

No big surprises about AZT came from the Conference, but Conant mentioned some significant results:

- We did not hear of any new toxicities.
- We are seeing much less myopathy, probably because of the lower dose. "More people are seeing what we had observed, that if you are on high-dose AZT, 1,200 mg per day, and are exercising a lot, that may trigger the myopathy, and if you stop working out for a while and reduce your AZT, you may then go back to work out moderately and see your CPK stay down and not rise."
- We are seeing no liver toxicity on the lower dose. "So if you are on AZT and your liver enzymes start going up, and your doctor thinks it is due to the AZT, tell him or her that we need to look further. Could there be something else that's causing liver toxicity?"

A questioner asked how long people have been followed on the lower dose. Conant answered that people have been on this dose and followed for a little over two years. Some people have been on the high dose for about five years.

- Only about one percent of patients with over 250 T-helper cells need to stop AZT because of toxicity when using the low dose. That compares with up to 40 percent in the early trials, for people who had had pneumocystis and took the high 1,200 mg dose.
- The lower the CD4 count when patients start AZT, the less likely they will be to lower p24 levels. "Clinicians need to hear this. If you start AZT at 200, you have less chance to lower the p24 than if you start at 400 or 500."
- AZT is working about the same in children as in adults, and the same in women as in men.
- A very small study has shown AZT to be effective at 300 mg per day. "I would keep that figure in the back of my mind. If you have to do dose reductions, and you want to know how low to go, I would try not to go below 300 mg per day; that's for a 150 lb man or woman."
- European data has shown that AZT does not need to be given every four hours. "So (at the physicians' meeting after the Conference) we largely agreed that we would be recommending 200 mg three times a day."
- What about viral resistance? "We spent three hours talking about that, and the bottom line is we don't know at this time. The consensus was that resistance is a concern, but at this point there is more compelling data that people with below 500 T-helper cells do better with AZT than without it.

"Also, we don't know if people who develop resistant virus are therefore going to get sick; does that really constitute drug failure? For example, if ddI became available tomorrow by prescription, and you had been on AZT for two years, and I found you had resistant virus, and you tolerated the AZT well, would I stop the AZT and put you on ddI, or would I reduce the AZT to 300 to 500 a day and put you on ddI in addition to the AZT? Does resistance mean that the drug has totally failed, or only that we might want to add another antiviral? We are far from any definitive answer.

"Will resistant virus be transmitted? If so, treating persons who caught the virus could be a more difficult problem."

ddI

Question from the audience about the risks and benefits of ddI:

"Some two percent of patients on the drug for seven months have experienced pancreatitis. The high dose is associated with pancreatitis; low doses do not appear to be. Pancreatitis is much more common in persons with a prior history of pancreatitis or of liver disease. If someone has chronic active hepatitis, or elevated liver enzymes, the physician will probably want to watch even more closely.

"Hemorrhagic pancreatitis with death has been seen. There have also been deaths, probably due to arrhythmias (heart-rhythym abnormalities), in people simultaneously taking rifabutin, clofazimine, and ddI.

"Triglycerides may be elevated prior to elevated pancreatic enzymes (amylase).

"On the positive side, T-helper cells rose about 30 percent in a group of people on ddI. Physicians are seeing p24 reduction, and viral culture going negative, but nothing more dramatic than with either AZT or ddC.

"ddI appears to be working in children.

"The ddI dose they're using is around 250 mg twice a day for a 70-kilo man, 375 for heavier people. (Note: some patients in the open-label study—the expanded-access program—have reduced their dose by taking only one of the two daily doses—preferably with the knowledge of their physician and Bristol-Myers.)

ddC

"ddC looks more promising than it did last year. T-helper counts are up. A lower dose of ddC has lower toxicity, and the toxicity is predictable. There have been no fatalities from ddC.

"ddC is probably safer than ddI. I think if you polled half a dozen experts now and asked if you had to go off AZT, what would be the next drug you would choose, ddC would be the choice. Unfortunately, access will be limited for a time.

ANTIVIRAL COMBINATIONS

A member of the audience asked whether to add ddI to AZT, if ddI were available. "I don't have an answer. But if I had been on AZT for a year and a half, and had evidence of disease progression, and I could take both drugs, I would consider doing so. There's a place for combination therapy.

"I liked having the AIDS activists in the Conference; sometimes they raised the most cutting questions. On combinations, the traditional way is to test drug A, get to know everything about it, then test drug B, and only later try combining the two. But since everybody seems to agree that combinations is the way to go—they've been talking about it for years now—activists asked why not go ahead and do it? The answer was, 'That's not the way we do it.' The question was useful, because if you watched the speaker who was answering it, you could see written all over his face the thought, 'Isn't this stupid?' That may be the first time the thought occurred to him—having to say it publicly—that maybe we ought to move on."

Question: is there any data based on previous experience with other diseases as to how the drugs should be combined? "The answer unfortunately is no. These are synthetic nucleoside analogs, and except for acyclovir to treat herpes, there is not yet another model; it is not the same as chemotherapy.

"It's not as bleak as it sounds. We think that much of this data now will come from animal models, and that we won't have to wait to do the whole thing.

"There are some experiments on combining drugs, for example the ddC study at Stanford which is testing alternations of this drug with AZT."

SURROGATE MARKERS

"What about p24 or virus in the blood as a surrogate marker? The answer at this time seems to be that they are not reliable enough to use for clinical management. About 20 percent of patients who have negative p24 still die of AIDS.

"Even the Ho quantitative viral assay is not sensitive enough that we can say that you should stop AZT at this point and go to ddI.

"We're hearing that p24 and viral-culture tests are useful markers, and can be used by the clinician from time to time, but you would not stop a study based on those. I asked at the

meeting—with Volberding, Fischl, Schooley, and others—is there a surrogate marker other than disease progression or death that you would choose to use to stop a study? Their answer is still no. That is the science at this time, unfortunately."

OTHER DRUGS

• **Soluable CD4:** "Bad news. It has no toxicity, but it does not cross the blood-brain barrier. But the worst news was reported by David Ho. He tested soluble CD4 with virus grown in the test tube, and it was very effective in removing virus. He then took native virus from patients, and the CD4 didn't work. Smart people are still researching CD4; they are not giving up. But these results are not what we wanted to hear."

• **Peptide T:** "There is little good data with peptide T alone. But in one study, with AZT and peptide T given nasally, it improved cognitive function compared to AZT alone. If confirmed, that's very promising. Unfortunately, Dr. Candace Pert is having trouble now finding funding for her peptide T studies, so whether we see more peptide T research soon will depend on funding."

• **Isoprinosine:** "A recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that 17 patients on placebo progressed as opposed to two on isoprinosine. I think you will see more isoprinosine studies. Clearly this data looks very good; it looks like hard data. There is a question that it may be blocking the pneumocystis, not treating the HIV.

"Mark Illeman and I did some of the early isoprinosine studies back in 1983. One study, which we never could get the company to fund again, was fascinating. We had 20 men taking isoprinosine or placebo, and then we would measure how much CMV (cytomegalovirus) there was in the semen. There was a four-log drop (10,000 times) in CMV in the people on isoprinosine.

"The trouble was that when the data was analyzed, we had ten patients on placebo, and their baseline CMV concentrations ranged from low to high; we had four on drug, and all of them started low. The company had all the data, and they just told us that this is all they had to analyze. We didn't know why the other six had not been included. Without being able to break the code myself and be sure that we had a good comparison, I was unwilling to publish the results until we could repeat the study to be sure. We never could get the funding to do it again."

(Note: Isoprinosine is approved in dozens of countries but not in the U.S., and is used for treating herpes simplex and some other viral diseases. A literature search found no published report of any test of isoprinosine and CMV—meaning that if the drug is useful in suppressing or treating this infection, we would not know it.)

• **Oral Interferon:** "Sublingual alpha interferon? Nobody knows. The consensus of our small meeting was that if it does work, it's without rationale; we don't understand how it could work. People are waiting for more data."

• **Hyperthermia:** "Dr. Alonso was here, and presented some of his data. I met later with an internationally recognized immunologist who had met with Dr. Alonso. We all want that to work; it's easy to do. But the immunologist was concerned that Alonso's team had not brought with them all the data they were claiming. For example, they claimed that scans had shown that KS in the lung had improved—but they didn't bring the scans to San Francisco. The immunologist offered at his own expense to fly to Georgia and look at the data; we don't know what will happen with that.

"It's so sad, because something like that comes and you've got lots of desperate people who want answers, including the doctors...

"The claim is that they're heating the blood higher than 107-108 degrees outside the body. We've seen lots of patients with a temperature of 107 for a few hours, and it didn't cure their AIDS.

"I'm also concerned that Dr. Alonso is already saying that he can determine who will get better after this therapy and who will not."

• **GM-CSF:** "The data looks very promising; access to the drug is still limited."

• **AZT/Interferon Combination:** "There is much enthusiasm for using very low doses of alpha interferon, such as a million units a day, or three million units three times a week, for people with high T-helper counts, 300-500, to see if this can prevent disease progression."

• **Acyclovir:** "I had thought we had seen the end of the AZT combined with high-dose acyclovir treatment. But Dr. David Cooper from Australia, a leading AIDS expert, is still reporting better survival in 60 patients, with CD4 counts around 30, if they are on very high dose of acyclovir, 800 mg four times a day. It does not seem to be CMV-related, but does appear to stop progression of other OIs."

Question about Conant's use of acyclovir:

"Everybody who had herpes, I'll give 400 mg twice a day— that's easy and safe, and won't bankrupt you. Earlier, based on Dr. Cooper's previous reports of less CMV, we were putting people on high-dose acyclovir, but we didn't see that much difference. "About four years ago there was a laboratory study suggesting that acyclovir potentiated AZT. The hope was that low-dose acyclovir would make the AZT work better. But later laboratory studies showed that not to be true. So we have been less enthusiastic about recommending the high doses to people with less than 100 T-helper cells.

"But at the Conference, the data was from a good investigator, with good controls, and 60 patients; the ones on acyclovir are surviving better than the ones not."

Question about long-term side effects of acyclovir:

"We are not seeing any. The biggest concern on the high dose is kidney toxicity, and as long as you remain hydrated, that's not a major concern. You would not want to take that much acyclovir and hike out of Grand Canyon, however. We didn't see any toxicity when we were giving the high-dose acyclovir."

• **Passive Immunotherapy:** "Keep in touch; hopefully a study will be starting soon."

• **Pneumocystis Prophylaxis:** "Out of this Conference came almost irrefutable data that trimethoprim sulfamethoxazole (brand names Septra or Bactrim) is as effective as aerosolized pentamidine in preventing pneumocystis. It was given as one double-strength tablet per day, or given three times a week. Cooper in Australia gives it on two days each week, one twice on Monday and one twice on Thursday, and has never had a pneumocystis breakthrough. We will probably recommend that patients with more than 100 T-helper cells consider going on one double-strength Septra a day as your basic prophylaxis for pneumocystis. Then if you get below 100 T-helper cells and want to do aerosol pentamidine in addition to that, you're welcome to do it, although we're not sure it's going to help that much more. But the good news is you can trade a pill that costs about $30 a month for the cost of over $300 a month for aerosolized pentamidine.

"There were no dissenting votes in the small group of people we assembled, from here and Australia and Europe. The developing consensus is that somewhere below 500 T-helper cells you go on AZT, somewhere below 250 T-helper cells you go on one Septra a day, and if it continues to fall down below 100 T-helper cells a day you may want to go on aerosolized pentamidine also.

"There are other advantages of Septra over aerosolized pentamidine, besides the cost. Pneumocystis is not just a lung disease, it can be a systemic disease as well. With Septra, you are prophylaxing systemically, not just in the lung.

"Also, there is emerging evidence that with Septra you are also prophylaxing against toxoplasmosis and shigella (a kind of food poisoning, which also occurs from handling reptiles).

"The bad news is that 20 percent of the people are going to get a drug eruption (a rash caused by the drug). You may be able to treat

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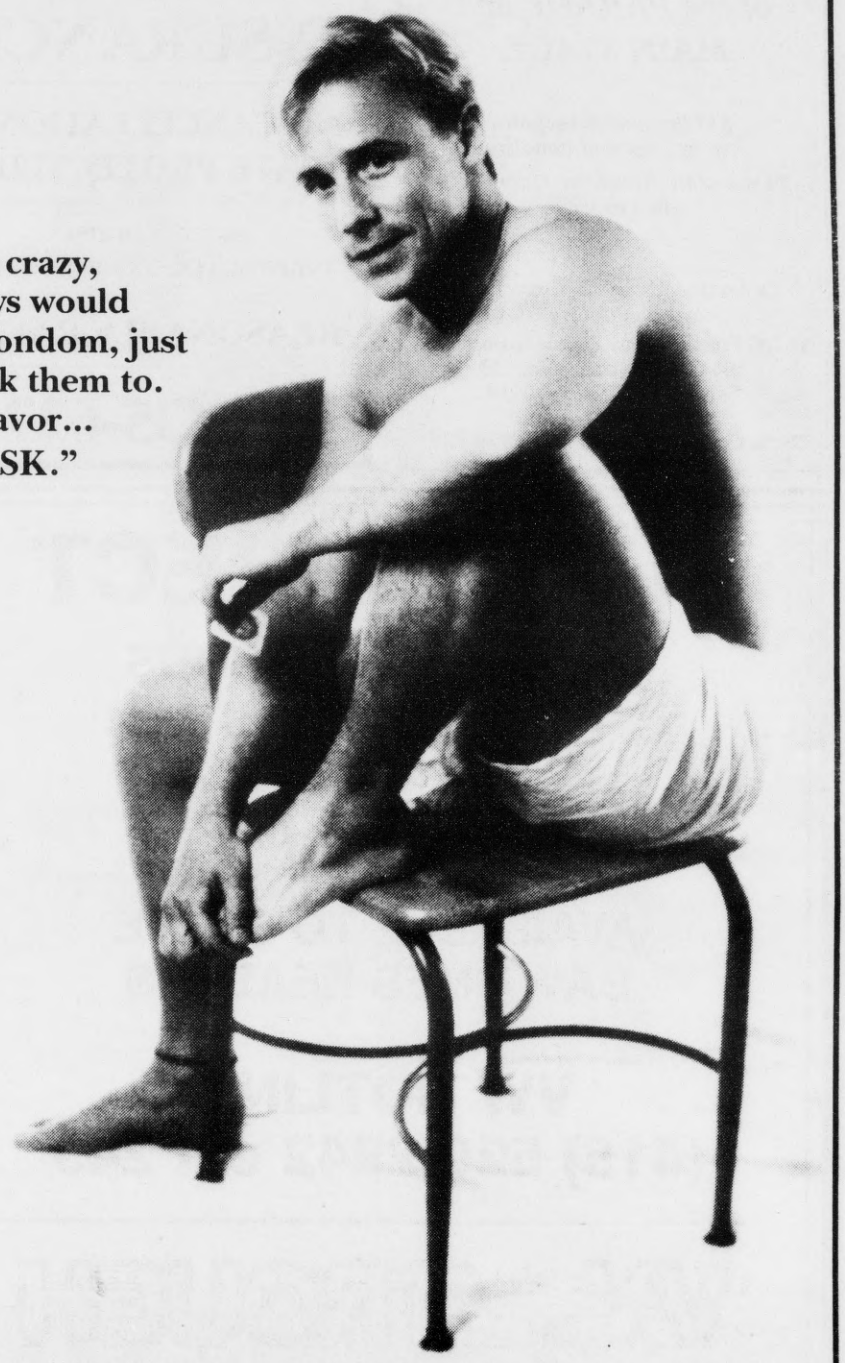

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through the drug eruption, by lowering the dose greatly and coming back up, or you may have to stop the Septra and go to aerosolized pentamidine."

(Dr. Conant said that if he had to guess, once a day might be less likely to cause side effects than twice a week, because it would be easier to build tolerance with the drug every day.)

Question about dapsone for pneumocystis prophylaxis: "We don't know; there isn't enough data yet. If you are on dapsone, it's probably reasonable to stay there."

Question: if on pneumocystis prophylaxis and T-helper cells went over 300, OK to stop?

"Yes, but you might wait for the next T-cell test in four months to make sure the result was not an aberration."

Question: is there a problem of losing the use of Septra if a reaction develops (in case one gets pneumocystis in the future)?

"Yes, this is a concern. We are trying to design a study to attempt to desensitize people to Septra, the same way as you can desensitize people to penicillin."

Question: if someone has a T-helper count of about 25 and cannot stop aerosol pentamidine because he's in a study, should he consider Septra also? He cannot take dapsone because of the rules of the study.

"Aside from the issue of damaging the study, we have been telling people for about a year that if they have under 100 T-helper cells they should consider dapsone in addition to aerosol pentamidine, to protect against systemic pneumocystis. But if a study does not allow dapsone, it is unlikely to allow Septra, either.

"When the standard of care changes, the studies have to change. They cannot do things to you that are below the standard of care. So next time you're in, mention hearing experts from the Conference saying that the standard of care may be changing to include Septra for people at risk for pneumocystis; ask what's their reaction to this."

Question: any information about long-term side effects of aerosol pentamidine?

"Yes. Diabetes has been seen in some cases with long-term use. The drug may contribute to pancreatitis in patients on ddI. However, there have been no drug eruptions (rashes). Also, no loss of elasticity of the lung has been reported."

In response to a question about dapsone vs. Septra for prophylaxis, Dr. Conant said he guessed they would prove about equally effective. (The reason the physicians' meeting chose Septra is that there is more data on it than on dapsone at this time.) Some dapsone data was presented last year at the International AIDS Conference in Montreal. Side effects about the same; Dr. Conant thinks the number of drug eruptions will probably be less with dapsone.

TREATMENTS OF OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

• **Pneumocystis:** "There is now a growing consensus that corticosteroids do play a role. It looks like cortisone is safe if done properly and judiciously—high-dose cortisone, then tapered gradually."

Dr. Poscher, on Conant's staff, explained, "This is used in severe pneumocystis—not mild cases—when patients present to the hospital requiring oxygen or ventilators. They should be started on steroids early, within the first 24-36 hours of their hospital admission. In the past the tendency was to salvage them with steroids three or four days after they did not respond to treatment. That's been shown not to work at all. It is the early use of steroids that causes 50 percent reduction in mortality from pneumocystis."

• **Toxoplasmosis:** Dr. Conant reported that toxoplasmosis is much more common in Europe than in the United States; the best guess for the reason why is raw meat in European diets.

Some physicians are trying prophylaxis with dapsone, or Septra. Dr. Conant said that if he had less than 100 T-helper cells, he would be on one of these.

There is some enthusiasm for clindamycin for therapy instead of sulfadiazine.

• **Tuberculosis:** "Tuberculosis is frightening. We are seeing a lot of it among HIV-positive people in some areas: for example in Miami, among Asians here in San Francisco, and in Africa. Up to a third of those cases disseminate, instead of only infecting the lung."

> While the 6th Int'l AIDS Conference offered nothing new in the way of breakthrough treatments, a long list of refinements, updates — and some revisions — on current available treatments was presented.

Dr. Conant heard that Dr. Margaret Fischl has 51 cases in the Miami area, some in gay men, that are resistant to the standard four-drug combination. This is worrisome, especially because tuberculosis can spread easily.

Question: if a friend has TB, is on medication for it, is it not safe to assume he is not infectious?

"Correct. If you have a friend who's just coughing—I wouldn't kiss people with coughs, until we learn more about this.

"Every HIV-positive person should have a TB skin test; the earlier the better. It tells you whether your body has ever seen TB before; it doesn't mean you're infectious. But the TB you had (and controlled) could become reactivated, so your doctor would watch your chest film more carefully. If the test was negative, you should probably repeat it every year. It's another reason for having a routine chest X-ray.

"If your immune system is already suppressed, the skin test might read negative even if it should be positive. The way to find out is to do a skin test with other antigens; if you react to them, then you probably would react to TB if you had been exposed to it"—meaning that the TB test would be accurate.

(Note: previous reports of TB treatment, before the occurrence of the drug-resistant strain, had shown that standard treatment worked about as well for HIV-positive persons as for anyone else.)

"AIDS presents very differently in different geographic areas. For example, TB has not been a problem in the gay community in San Francisco—but there has been a lot of it in Miami, and there is no reason it could not spread to immune-suppressed people elsewhere."

Another geographic example: "In an AIDS ward in Memphis, many patients have histoplasmosis. But in our practice in San Francisco we have seen only one case."

• **Mycobacterium Avium Complex:** (MAC; also called MAI) "Dr. Harold Kessler and others presented some beautiful work showing that 5-drug therapy with Amikacin gives the best response in the treatment of MAI. Clearly the position some were taking two years ago that it is not useful to treat MAI is wrong; patients live longer and their quality of life is better if you aggressively treat MAI. The consensus is becoming that if the disease is diagnosed, treat it aggressively.

"What about using the PCR test to diagnose MAI in two hours—instead of six weeks for culture? The problem so far is that this test may be too sensitive, and diagnose MAI in everybody."

Question about clarithromycin for treating MAI. Dr. Conant is aware of work in France, but no paper was presented at the Conference.

• **Cryptococcal Meningitis:** "Fluconazole does not seem as effective as amphotericin (AmB) for initial treatment. Don't use both, because the drugs compete. After initial treatment, fluconazole is clearly best for maintenance.

"The jury is still out on whether to prophylax with fluconazole—using one fluconazole a day for persons with very low T-helper cells—to avoid the possibility of getting the disease. There is no data to show whether this is beneficial. It could possibly be harmful, because there could be unknown interactions with other drugs the patient was using."

• **Cryptosporidiosis:** "Cryptosporidiosis is

becoming less frequent; we do not know why. Data was presented on diclazuril as a possible treatment."

• **Syphilis:** "Standard blood tests do seem to be effective to detect syphilis, despite immune deficiency. There are only a few cases where the tests have been known to fail."

• **CMV:** "Oral ganciclovir is not as promising as had been hoped, as it has poor bioavailability. No benefit was found for CMV colitis."

• **Lymphoma:** "We are seeing much more lymphoma. A third of those cases are apparently caused by Epstein-Barr virus. The lymphomas seem to be coming from chronic infection with some agent—maybe Epstein-Barr, or other viruses which have not been identified—which immortalize the B-cells (making them cancerous) or T-cells. One speculation—could it be that Dr. Cooper's patients in Australia are doing better with high-dose acyclovir because it is suppressing viruses which cause lymphoma? There is no data for this yet, it is just a possible hypothesis.

"People who have had KS and survived for many years have very high levels of IL6. The concern is that large amounts of IL6 might trigger B-cell lymphomas. So people who have had KS for several years, who develop a new node that's not been there before, should talk to their doctor about whether it could be a lymphoma. We don't know for sure yet about the risk factors, but this is one to consider."

• **Other Cancer:** "Basal-cell carcinomas are becoming more common—especially body basal cells as opposed to facial basal cells. Basal cells very seldom metastasize, so these cancers are usually not very serious.

"But there has also been much squamous-cell carcinoma in the anal-genital area, especially in people who had perianal warts. If you had warts in the anal area and get a bump there that's growing, get your doctor to make sure it's not a malignancy. If early diagnosed, it can be excised and is no problem. If you ignore it for several months, this cancer may metastasize and be serious.

"We may see more liver cancer in HIV-positive men— especially with chronic active hepatitis and alcohol."

VACCINES

"There is much optimism now about vaccines, both for treatment for those already infected, and for the uninfected. Much new information is becoming available.

"Dr. Jay Levy reported one case of a chimpanzee which has now cleared an HIV infection and is antibody negative.

"Other researchers found that women with antibodies to the V3 loop of the virus do not infect their babies. These antibodies must therefore be protective. If so, they could be made either in humans or synthetically and given to patients.

"Salk has been testing his vaccine in persons with HIV for three years now. Passive immunotherapy is another approach to providing protective antibodies.

"Murray Gardner presented a magnificent paper on SIV in primates. Jay Berzofsky showed how you can take the part of the virus you want to make an antibody to, put augmenters on it, and make even higher antibody levels. But some epitopes of the virus can facilitate viral replication. So you must design a vaccine that has the parts you want, with augmenters that make it multiply, and eliminate the parts that facilitate viral replication.

"Phil Berman a week before the Conference announced that he had protected two out of two chimps with a genetically engineered vaccine."

Dr. Conant attended a Genentech cocktail party and found the leading vaccine experts there, and much enthusiasm for making a vaccine.

Experimental Antivirals: Melanins

Dozens of different potential antivirals were mentioned in presentations at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS. But usually the results were too sketchy to be useful, or otherwise relevant to only a handful of specialists.

If we were asked to name one "sleeper" at the Conference— one project which we believe may have great importance but which received little attention—it would be the work on melanins, described below. It is too early to know if this treatment will be useful—but it would be easy to find out.

Melanins are pigments which are already found in the body in hair, skin, and eyes. Although recognized for at least 60 years, their chemical structure is not known, and no therapeutic use for these chemicals has been found. The melanins which occur naturally in the body are insoluble in water, but the synthetic forms studied as an anti-HIV treatment are soluble. Melanins are easy to make, can be given orally, and are inexpensive.

The published abstract reported that small concentrations of melanins (0.3 to 10 ug/ml) blocked infection of human T-helper cells with HIV in laboratory tests; three different cell lines and three different viruses (including HIV-2) were used. The mechanism of action is not known, but melanins did not inhibit reverse transcriptase, so clearly they work entirely differently than AZT. (One test suggested that they probably did not get inside the cells.)

Another study dealt with synthetic melanins given to mice in their drinking water; their urine had anti-HIV activity even when diluted up to 200 times; control urine of mice given plain water had no effect. The mice showed no toxicity from the chemical, and they ate and drank as much as the control mice during the fiveday test. (Much larger doses of melanin given by injection did kill mice, however, and the researchers estimated the lethal dose for the animals at between one and ten grams per kilogram of body weight.)

Comment: Although this research is preliminary and much uncertainty remains, we find it especially significant that urine concentration 200 times that needed to show anti-HIV activity could be achieved with no apparent harm to the animals (blood concentrations were not reported). Other reasons why this work deserves high-priority follow-up is that melanins are considered relatively innocuous, can be given orally (at least in the animal tests), are very easy to produce (the synthesis could be carried out in a high school chemistry lab), and are inexpensive. Also, since melanins work very differently than the available antivirals like AZT, combinations might be especially effective.

Many questions can be raised. Melanins worked with laboratory cell lines and viruses; would they work with fresh cells and viruses from patients? What is the toxicity of these chemicals in humans? And melanins may interact with certain antibiotics or other drugs; how might this complicate their use?

Yet the existing information suggests a strong possibility that melanins might have an important impact on AIDS/HIV treatment worldwide. We are concerned that this opportunity may not be realized, since under the commercial and regulatory structure of drug development in the United States it will take years before any standard drug could become available from this early research—due to delays with patents, business negotiations, corporate restructuring, etc., as well as Federal requirements such as excessive animal tests which should not be allowed to impede progress in an emergency. Scattered reforms have been made, but no one has studied the practical operation of drug development from beginning to end, or has the authority necessary to make the changes needed to meet the AIDS emergency effectively.

We suggest that community-based and other research organizations—including institutions outside of the United States—investigate melanins further, and proceed if justified to develop this information into a practical AIDS/HIV treatment.

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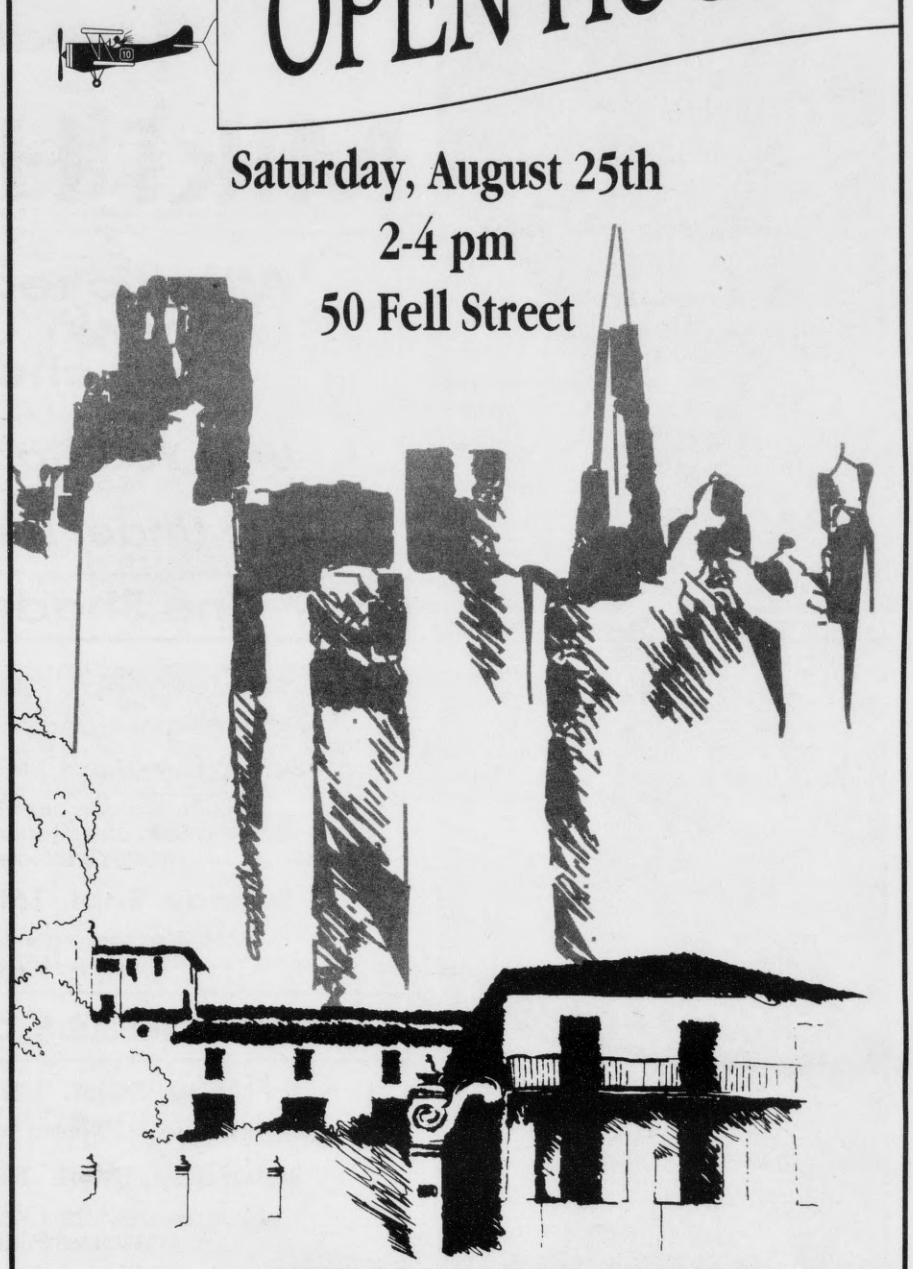

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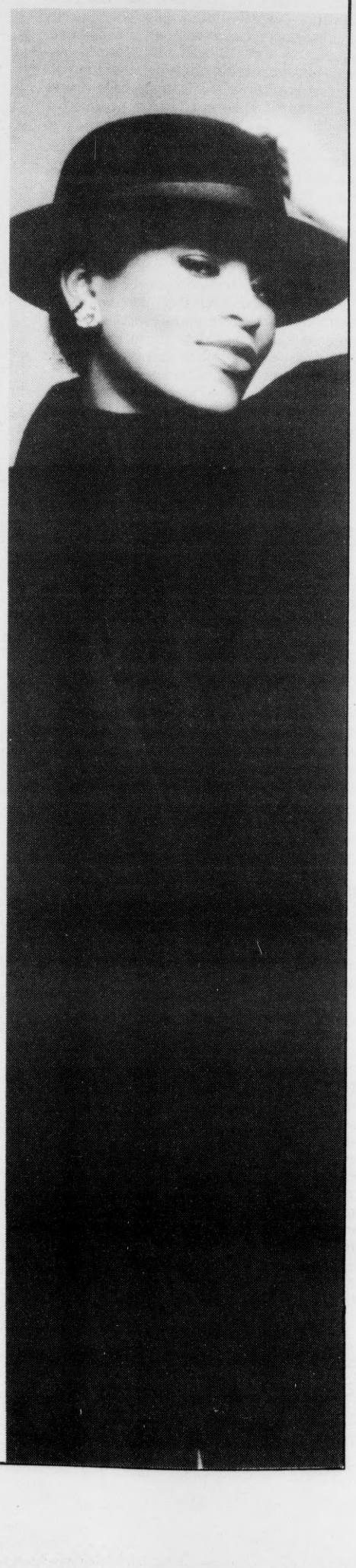

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Mars Shall Be Revealed

For those of you who are into astrological keywords, the key words for this month are, "bitch, bitch, bitch." Or is that "butch, butch, butch"? Actually it's both, both, both. Watch out for hissy fits from macho wanna-bes. The main influences this month are Mercury slowing down and turning in Virgo, and Mars in Taurus making a long slow square to the Sun in Leo. The former influence is highly, even excrutiatingly critical. The latter is forcefully demonstrative and stubborn.

Mercury is the planet of the rational mind and communications. In Virgo it is very attentive to details and brings out that side of us that is most critical. This month we will be on the lookout for flaws and faults of all sorts. This is a good time to review your own work and look for your own examples of human fallibility. If you *must* focus on others—like if it really is part of your work, if it really is any of your business—then make a special effort to do it gently. Even in this process of checking for mistakes you can make mistakes, and with Mercury turning retrograde soon, mistakes made this month will come back at you all too soon.

The Mars-Sun square helps to make you feel a great deal of vitality, perhaps a little too much for your own good. Especially in Taurus and Leo, this aspect brings out the sense that you can conquer anything in your path; alas, it can lead all too easily to the senseless determination to do so. It can be a great month for swaggering and cruising, looking confident and going after whatever you want. Alas, there is all the Leonine tendency here to think looking good is enough. Yes indeed, it will feel like "National Stand and Model Month."

A little initiative makes a big difference but a lot is a waste of energy. Alas, the determination and sometimes relentlessness of Taurus is proverbial. The stubbornness of the bull should be restrained and the sensual pragmatism of this sign brought out. That will take some conscious effort, but the effort will be rewarded.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Nobody at your work will benefit more from your keen observations than you yourself. This is a good time to have a little chat with the boss. Such a discussion is sure to happen anyway, and you'll fare better if you take the initiative to review your work together and look for where improvements could be made. Impulsive spending is one way to show off, but your creativity could be focused into better ways of showing your worth among your friends.

TAURUS: This is your month to shine! Everyone seems to appreciate your energy and verve, except perhaps those with whom you live. They may see grandiosity and a controlling ego run rampant where those who appreciate you see command and exuberance. The truth lies somewhere in between. Look at yourself with gentle constructive criticism and try to see yourself and your ego (What? Ego? *Vous*?) in a proper perspective. Artistic outlets will prove helpful here.

GEMINI: Write. There's a big committee meeting going on inside your head, and yes, it can make you feel crazy unless you let it out one way or another. Talking it out can help, but you can talk until everyone else is blue in the face before you even get your second wind. Keeping a journal right now is especially helpful. After you've written it out, take a look, try to summarize a bit and see what's really getting at you, generating all this stuff and nonsense. You're likely to be especially critical around the house. Go easy on those you live with. It's probably not them at all, but something inside yourself.

CANCER: You're easily tempted to spend money as if it would prove anything. Spend as much as you like if it makes you feel better, but it won't prove a thing. You're especially outspoken these days and prone to show your friends just how much you care by telling them what you think is important for them to hear. In other words, if you're not careful you're liable to be a royal bitch. Try to hold back your tendency to extravagance, but you can channel that dangerous energy by putting on a party, even a small one.

LEO: Have the most glorious birthday party ever. Even if it's a bit late. You need lots of attention right now (Yes, even more than usual!), and if you don't get it by legitimate means, you'll get it any way you can. You feel that your enthusiasm, all you put into your work deserves notice. Believe me, people notice! Any bids for more attention will backfire horribly. Your boss is especially observant of you these days. Just keep your nose clean and be about your business. You never need to work for the spotlight; it comes to you. What you need to work on is subtlety and modesty. Now more than ever. *Happy Birthday, Sam!*

VIRGO: This month you're forced to take an uncomfortable look at yourself and your belief system. You're too likely to be unduly harsh on yourself and then become difficult with those around you. Ideological or philosophical questions and debate can provide amusing distraction, perhaps even useful insights. Just be very, very careful not to take such discussions too seriously. What others suggest in an open, abstract manner you're likely to take personally. Go easy on yourself. *Happy Birthday, Adam!*

LIBRA: You could easily be the life of any party this month as your usually tasteful, restrained demeanor gives way to deep feelings demanding expression. Fortunately your famous sense of propriety will probably find an appropriate venue for your outbursts. People do occasionally need a rise now and then, but in the long run you—far more than they—would be shocked and embarrassed at your own outré behaviour. As the old saying goes, if you can't be good, be careful.

SCORPIO: Poor little misunderstood scorpion. This month it feels like the whole world is ganging up on you. It is all too tempting to show them that it's almost an even match, but they're still a little out of their depth. You may be quite right that everyone else is being absolutely rectal, but you'll do yourself a favor by keeping the focus on yourself. Take stock of your accomplishments and give yourself due credit. Do something very physical—and preferably, but not necessarily constructive—with a partner to release energy.

SAGITTARIUS: For all the hard work you're doing these days, you are indeed more than entitled to blow your own horn a bit. Even at the best of times you tend toward excess, and now you'll do best if you can keep your crowing down a bit. Just wear a big, proud grin and let people ask what you're so pleased about. Then they will have asked for it. You're due for a serious talk with the boss. Big changes are coming up and you can head off trouble by discussing problems now. Solutions at the end of this month will only be a series of experiments that will lead to a true solution later.

CAPRICORN: This is an especially sexy month for you! You may prefer to engage in other forms of challenge and play, but you feel driven to push yourself in ways that could prove deadly dangerous. Stick to safer thrills and chills. This is not the month to begin hang-gliding or fisting. On the other hand, your erogenous zone could earn its own zip code. Rash acts could be very unsafe. Impulsive as you are right now, keep the necessary safeties on hand at all times.

AQUARIUS: It's very important to *communicate* with your partner now. Don't just talk at the poor soul. Listen as well. You're eager to do favors around the house, but stop, listen, and think first. Your sense of intiative is stronger right now than your awareness of what's really appreciated. As you're led to challenging questions you may become overly defensive of your basic beliefs. The hard questions will lead to a great deal of confusion. Keep an open mind and that will open you up to spiritual growth. When you start feeling defensive try to challenge yourself, not the other person.

PISCES: Arguments at and about work are likely now. Conversations get challenging and you tend now to dig in your heels. You'll notice this can only be done with your foot in your mouth. Criticism is hard to take and easy to give. You can benefit from accepting constructive criticism and be helpful by offering it. Alas, it is all too easy now to confuse constructive criticism with the other sort. Assume that others mean well (just as you do—don't you?) Listen and think with a careful, open mind. Problems with your health will surface, but seem a lot worse than they really are. Moderate, but steady physical activity is helpful. A sense of accomplishment will shore up both your body and your soul.

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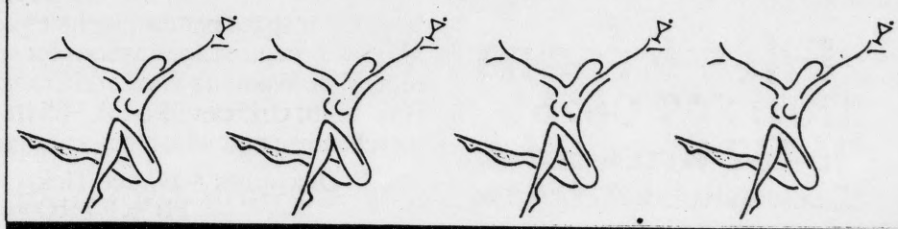

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BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

COMPILED BY MAXINE MORRIS

1 ■ WEDNESDAY

"Discovery" A Men's Discussion Group for older gay men meets 2:15 pm today, 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd fl. Topic: Physical Well-being, features a visiting bodybuilder. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders).

Dr Ann-si Li of the Camanile Veterinary Clinic discusses veterinary acpuncture 7 pm tonight on KPFA radio FM 94.

Gay Men's Sketch-Castro: drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Modeling by bodybuilder Jim Rueth on the night of his 31st birthday. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Country-Western Dancing for Marin & Sonoma Counties. Every Wed in August at Unitarian Church, Stony Point Rd at Todd Rd, Santa Rosa. Lessons 7:30-9 pm, dancing till 10 am, plus new line dance each week. Dj/instructor Donna E of the Women's Music Festivals. $5 at door. All welcome! Info: Pink Productions (707) 526-7464.

SF Hiking Club Mtg/Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood nr 18th St (behind Cala Market, 1 block from Castro St), SF.

Queer Nation, a new gay/lesbian direct action group fighting discrimination, misinformation & violence against homosexuals thru visibility & community outreach, meets tonight & 8/8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

"Managing Stress: Meditation in the Midst of Daily Activity," a lecture with Jim Gilman at 135 Beulah (2 blocks above Haight St, btwn Shrader & Stanyan), SF. Spons by The Silent Way. $10. Lecture preceded by guided meditation. Info: 386-6753.

Yosemite from the North Trip with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Group limited, see 8/8 for details.

The Art of Isadora Duncan: dance performance with Lori Belilove, solo dancer, and Seth Montfort, concert pianist. Part of a wkshop course, "Dance & the Church, Shaping Wholesome Sexuality," held at the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave, Berkeley. For info on the week-long course or the performance call 1-(800)-999-0528.

Electric City gay & lesbian TV features "the entire community as it is, not as others would see us." 8 pm on SF cable channel 35 tonight & 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 & 8/29. Also airs tonight & 8/15 on PCTV networks (Oakland, Emeryville & Piedmont on cable 47, in Alameda on cable 59 & in Berkley on cable 29). Info: 861-7131.

Church of the Secret Gospel: 8 pm Phallic Church Service, followed by social event, 9 pm till midnight at 735 Tehama St, SF. Males 18+ welcome. Refreshments served. Info: 552-7339.

Comedy at El Rio tonight with Diane Amos, Josh Kornbluth, Lisa Geduldig & Nicolle Bilotti. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Drop-in Support Group for Lesbians 60 & Over: meets 12:30-2:30 pm today & 8/15 in a private room at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders), call 626-7000 for info.

2 ■ THURSDAY

Rainbow's End, lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group (ages 14-21) mtg. 6:30-7 pm drop-in, 7-9 pm group mtg. Tonight & 8/9, 16 & 23. Ministry of Light office, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd #12, San Anselmo.

Aikido Morning Classes—see 8/7.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Everybody tells you to love yourself, but nobody tells you how... " wkshop with Chari Davidson, MA. Includes specific steps & suggestions, clear, accessible concepts designed to immediately stimulate your self-love. 7 pm, $4-8 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic-"Co-dependency," led by Elaine Brady, MFCC. Discussion of co-dependency—what it is, who is affected by it, and how to recover from it. Info: Marilyn 969-1260. All women are welcome!

Country Western Dancing for all 2-steppers & wannabe's north of the Golden Gate. Thursdays at BJ's, 5625 Paradise (Paradise Shopping Ctr), Corte Madera. Lessons 7:30-9 pm, dancing till midnight. Beginner lessons 1st & 2nd Thurs, intermediate lessons 3rd & 4th Thurs, plus a line dance every week. Dj/instructor Donna E of the Women's Music Festivals. All welcome! Info: 924-8432.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore tonight: Laura del Fuego reads from her first novel, the story of a young girl growing up in East LA. 7:30 pm, donation. Everyone welcome! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Country-Western Dancing at BJ's, Corte Madera, see 8/2.

Betty Bethards, author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru*, lectures on "Understanding Your Dreams". 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & stdnts 18 & under. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs tonight & 8/9, 16, 23 & 30 in Mountain View on cable channel 30.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with comic Dan Morgan, exotic dancer Christian, Giovanni Rezzi as Judy Garland, and dj Peggy Key. 9 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Join ACT UP/East Bay in protesting the proposed closure of the AIDS Ward (5 West) at Highland Hospital, and other health care cuts. Noon at the County Bldg, 1221 Oak St, Oakl. Info: 420-8864.

3 ■ FRIDAY

"Healing Initiations in the Shamanic Mysteries," a lecture/wkshop with Nicki Scully. 7-9 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Womyns Drumming Circle at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 323-4778.

Yosemite from the North Trip: attend today's pre-trip mtg for info, see 8/8.

Eve Goodman at Artemis Cafe tonight, with special guest Erika Luckett. $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

Donyell Carter at Mama Bears, with Glenda Choate on piano. Don't miss! 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service at 8 pm, followed by the Festish Event of the Week, 9 pm-6 am. Come display the fetish of your choice at 735 Tehama St, SF. Males 18+ welcome. Refreshments served. Info: 621-1887.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya concert of the music & dance of Bali. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix at BASS, STBS Union Square or Embarcadero. Info: 237-6814.

Cabaret & Jazz with Faith Winthrop at Old First Church, Van Ness & Sacramento. Winthrop is joined by pianist Gus Gustazson in a new show of old well-versed songs of love, illusion, survival & recovery. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 474-1608.

4 ■ SATURDAY

BWMT Consciousness-Raising (CR) Rap: Black & White Men Together begin a series of CR sessions on sexuality with tonight's rap. Topic: "Our Sexual Histories—Checking In & Checking Out." 6:30 pm, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Refreshments served. Everyone is welcome!

"Holotropic Breathwork," lecture/wkshop with Igor Weisz. 7-9 pm tonight, 9 am-5 pm tmw. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Class Reunions Planned: Berkeley, '70—9/8/90 at Hayatt Regency, Oakland; Mt Diablo '80—9/8/90 at Boundry Oaks; Burlingame '80—9/22/90 at Embassy Suites, Burlingame; Crestmoor '70—11/3/90 at Airport Hilton; San Mateo '70—11/10/90 at Holiday Inn, Foster City; Northgate '80—11/17/90 at Doubletree, Walnut Creek. Call (408) 728-6522 for details.

At A Different Light Bookstore: the glorious Richard Hawkins, Scott Shat & his Robert, get into it knee-deep & deeper—a night of super fine prose, stylin', leather & hot cruising (boys & girls). 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

The Moscow Virtuosi, an orchestra whose members are among the best classical musicians in the Soviet Union, perform at the Concord Pavilion, directed by famed Russian violinist & conductor Vladimir Spivakov. Program includes works by Mozart, Stravinsky & Vivaldi. 8 pm. Tix: $19.50 & $12.50 reserved, $12.50 general admission lawn seating. Info: 762-2277.

Irreverent, strong & sweet—guitarist Patty McGill at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. $3-5 SL. Info: 821-0232.

Phallic Fellowship spons by Church of the Secret Gospel. 8 pm-6 am. An all-night gathering of true devotees of safe sex in the best South-of-Market tradition. Sexy movies & refreshments fill the night at 735 Tehama St, SF. Males 18+ welcome. Info: 621-1887.

Singer-guitarist Rashida Oji at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

Free Plant Clinic: identifies infections, diseases & pests—bring your sick plants & cuttings to the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden Clinic, where Dr Bob Raabe, associate director of the Garden & entomology expert Rachel Freeman will be on hand to answer questions & prescribe treatments. 9 am-noon in the Meeting Room of the Garden on Centennial Dr. Info: 642-3343.

Cabaret Vocalist Lynda Bergren at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St btwn Oak & Page, SF. 9 pm, $12 cover, two-drink minimum. Reservations suggested, call 472-2418 for info. Don't miss this evening of fine cabaret!

Tilden Park Nature Study Area Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From downtown Berkeley, take Spruce St to top of the hill, Just past intersection of Spruce & Grizzly Peak Blvd, turn left onto Canon Dr. At bottom of hill, turn left. Meet 9:30 am at the parking lot. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"Clinical Themes in Addiction Recovery Treatment," wkshop by Debbie Watson. Focus on the therapeutic skills needed to define, diagnose & treat addictive disorders. Wkshop meets Calif licensing requirements for training in alcohol dependency. 10 am-4 pm. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Heritage Summer Presidio Walks: discover more than 200 years of history on this guided tour spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Begins 10 am at the Main Parade Ground, near the Officer's Club. $3 fee. Info: 441-3004.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs at 10 pm tonight & tmw on Oakland/Richmond cable channel 50. Info: 861-7131.

Beat Senseless at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Weekend College: BA Program for Working Adults. Informational Mtg today & also on 8/11 & 8/18. 1030 am-noon. An informal presentation of the philosophy & mechanics of an alternative curriculum for adults who identify as creative, idealistic, individualistic & self-directed. New College of California, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 626-1694.

Astrology Seminar with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Prereg preferred, call Susan 457-2764 for info.

5 ■ SUNDAY

Old Fashioned Church Hall Fish Fry: a wonderful food, music & fun-filled fest to benefit Oakland's Center for AIDS Services—get your tix early! See 8/12 for details.

Jon Sugar's Birthday Party: celebrate with GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Live music. 3 pm. For info/location: Jon 731-2424.

El Grupo Sinigual at El Rio: 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At A Different Light Bookstore: delicious miniatures in make-up by that gaunt goddess of the night, Jerome Caja. 6 pm reception. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Brazilian Jazz Artists *Uakti* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8:30 pm. Info: 885-0750.

Alternative Connection for Women in the Valley spons an all-day picnic today in Stockton. For details call (209) 941-2611. See you there!

Stroll Thru Golden Gate Park with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. View "Yosemite 100: Celebrating an Inspiration" exhibit at the California Academy of Sciences. Tour the Tea Garden, Conservatory & Arboretum. Meet 9:30 am at Safeway, Church & Market, SF or at 10 am in front of the Academy of Sciences. Bring money for exhibit admission. Info: 672-6063.

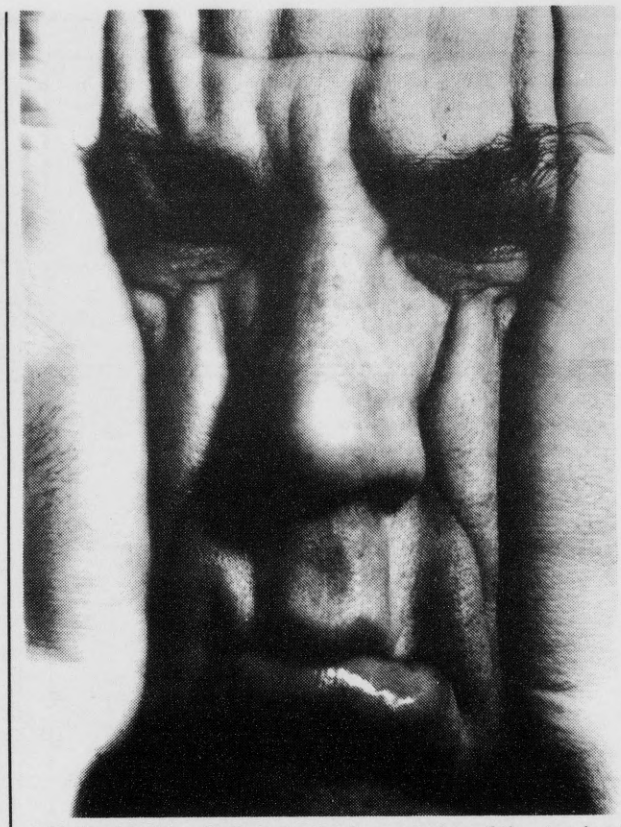
Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs tonight in the Eastbay, see 8/4.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs tonight & 8/12, 19 & 26 at 10 pm, featuring "the entire community as it is & not as others would see us." SF cable channel 35. Info: 861-7131.

Up Your Alley Leather Block Party: 1100-1800 hrs (11 am-6 pm). 6th annual extravaganza spons by SOMA (South of Market Merchants & Individual Lifestyle Events). Entertainers include Sharon McKnight, Danny Williams, *The Specks, Aztecs in Manhattan, White Trash Debutantes* and *The Deep Throats*. Also lots of booths, amazing street life & surprises—don't miss *the* leather block party of the year! Proceeds benefit ABC (AIDS Benefit Counselors), a resource referral center for PWAs. Info: 648-FAIR.

6 ■ MONDAY

All Dykes on Bikes are welcome to join



J.M. Maddeddu challenges the boundaries of theatre (and the camera) in his solo work at Cowell Theatre; see OnStage for details.

Photo by Carole Joyce

Ronda Slater performs "A Name You Never Got," her autobiographical play on her reunion with the daughter she relinquished to adoption. OnStage has info.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya performs the music and dance of Bali. See August 3 for info.

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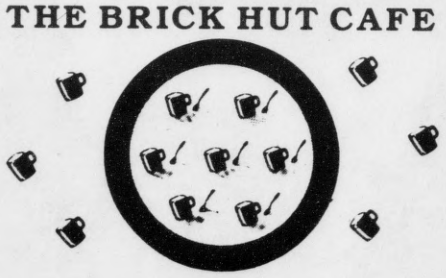

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the Vancouver Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade 1990, to be held today during Celebration '90, Gay Games III. Meet 11 am at the front of the Parade Assembly at the east parking lot of Ceperly Playground (Second Beach) in Stanley Park. For info contact the Gay & Lesbian Centre phoneline (604) 684-6869.

"Lesbian Power" newspaper mtg to discuss establishing a "good news & monthly calendar" paper for the Bay Area. Friendly women of all colors, styles, incomes & faiths, bring positive ideas & healthy snacks. Free, open to all women. 7 pm, Bernal Heights, SF location. Not affiliated with any group or political persuasion. Info: 648-0990.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) spons "Seattle Theatresports vs Bay Area Theatresports"—Seattle takes on SF in the battle for world comedy improv supremacy. 8 pm, $10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Tito Puente and his *Latin Allstars* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8:30 & 11 pm, $15. Info: 885-0750.

Women's Tennessee Valley Walk: spons by OperationConcern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 10 am. Call Pat at the GLOE office, 626-7000, for details.

7 ■ TUESDAY

Aikido Morning Classes: 7-8:30 am Tuesdays, today & 8/14, 21 & 28; and Thursdays, 8/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Aikido is "the Way of the loving spirit, a creative process, an awareness practice, and a way of living affirmingly." 66 1/2 Sanchez St at 14th, SF. For info call Cress Forester 826-2135.

Recital & Celebration in honor of the late Rahsaan Roland Kirk's birthday, presented by Dr Margie Baker & Kimball's, with guest artists Ed Kelly, Jules Broussard, Larry Chinn, Joe McKinley, Robert Scott & Willis Kirk; plus students of the Summer Jazz Vocal Clinic. 7-9 pm at Kimball's, 300 Grove St, SF. $8 adults, $4 students.

BACW Marin Planning Mtg: BACW Marin provides events in Marin County for Bay Area Career Women members & guests. 7 pm mtg. Info/location: Julie 924-2529.

East Bay BiFriendly, a group for bisexual women & men, their friends, & the bicurious, meets 7:30 pm for conversation, dinner & drinks at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Tonight & 8/21. Info: Bill 540-0869.

Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $10. Info: 885-0750.

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Gay Games 1990 Coverage on CityVision's Cable Channel 25: 10-11 pm. Tonight's program: opening ceremonies, interviews with athletes.

8 ■ WEDNESDAY

Womantalk: A Discussion Group for Older Lesbians. Today's topic: "To Role or Not to Role". Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 2:15 pm. North of Market Senior Ctr, 333 Turk St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Questions About HIV? Free public forum tonight, spons by Kaiser Permanente Medical Ctr, SF. Held to encourage discussion between people with HIV disease & knowledgeable physicians. Tonight's forum host is WJ Fessell, MD, director of the Kaiser NIH/HIV Research Unit, part of a nationwide network of clinical trials units. 6-7 pm in the medical office bldg, 3rd fl conference room, 1635 Divisadero St, SF. Info: Patricia Jones, Health Education Dept, 929-5457.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: author Nisa Donnelly reads from & signs copies of her book *The Bar Stories*, winner of the 1989 Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Fiction. Nisa also reads some of her work-in-progress. 7 pm, free. 1100 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

MACT/BWMT (Men of All Colors Together/Black & White Men Together) AIDS Task Force meets 7-9 pm at 760 Geary St, SF, Apt 302. Info: Sylvester 474-5905.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Celebration Sub-Committee Mtg: 7 pm. For info/location call 864-FREE.

Black Women's Goddesses: slideshow exploration of Black Goddess lore. Informal, focused discussion uses music & slides to discuss the myth/truth of the original Mother, and Her creation myths as told in ancient Kemet, subsaharan Africa & old Europa, and her continuing survival as the Black Madonna. Researcher/presenter: Maria Belkys. 7-9 pm, $4-6. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

Writers Wkshop for Older Writers: spons by Operation Cocern's Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE). Group for men & women over 50. Meets tonight & 8/22, 7-9 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Queer Nation mtg—see 8/1.

"God as Love: the Value of Devotion in Spiritual Practice," lecture by Jim Gilman. 7:30 pm at 135 Beulah (2 blocks above Haight St, btwn Shrader & Stanyan), SF. $10. Lecture preceded by guided meditation. Info: 386-6753.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) mtg: 7:30 pm at Episcopal Church of Our Savior, 10 Old Mill Rd, Mill Valley.

Yosemite from the North Trip: join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans for a hiking trip to a beautiful & less-visited part of Yosemite. 8/8-12. Group limited to 6. Attend pre-trip mtg on 8/3 for details, call Gene 493-8242 (hm), 923-5681 (wk) for info/res.

A Night Out (dinner & dancing) with East Bay BiFriendly—today's the deadline for reservations—see 8/11.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV—see 8/1.

Comedy at El Rio with Marilyn Pittman, Kevin Katioca, Joan Bechtel & Al Marques. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Games 1990 coverage by CityVision's cable channel 25: 10-11 pm. Tonight's program: Game events, wrestling, basketball, badminton, etc.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Service at 8 pm, followed by social event till midnight—birthday of the month party celebrates August Men. Cake & candles at 11 pm. Males 18+ welcome. Info: 552-7339.

9 ■ THURSDAY

Men's Friendship Group meets today & 8/23 at 711 Eddy St, SF. 2:15-4 pm. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

"Here to Stay", gay lesbian talk show, continues its programming with a retrospective of Gay Games and its founder Dr Tom Waddell. On Viacom cable channel 25, program repeats on 8/23. For times & other info write Here to Stay, PO Box 460636, SF 94146-0636.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets, see 8/2.

Gay Men's Sketch-Castro. Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Complex dancer-like poses by model Erich Sweet. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Bookparty at Modern Times Bookstore: Authors Martin Lee & Norman Solomon discuss *Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media*. Book focuses on vested interests, censorship & distortion in the media, and how to critique it. 7:30 pm. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Have You Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers meets tonight at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Offer support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic—"Fantasies," led by Marily. Come share (secretly, if you like) your deepest, darkest fantasies! All women welcome. Info: Mariln 969-1260.

Lazarus/Dance in concert tonight thru 8/11 at 8 pm, Sunday 8/12 at 2 pm. At Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. $12 general, $10 special audiences. Call 621-7797 for info.

Hunter Davis & *The Uncut Grass* perform acoustic, folk, rock & country at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St (off San Pablo), Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: 548-1761.

Outlook lesbian/gay video airs in the Southbay, see 8/2.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with comic Laura Milligan, exotic dancer Rainbeau, plus dj Carlos Grant. 9 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

UCSF Women's Resource Ctr Summer 1990 Film Series continues with *Positive Images: Portraits of Women with Disabilities*. Noon-1 pm, free. Followed by discussion led by Noemi Sohn. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Preventive Law: workshop on Wills and Simple Estate Planning. Protect your relationships and your assets. Avoid probate and taxes. Provide for the people of your choice. 7-9pm, $5. Reservations: Linda M. Scaparotti, Attorney, 268-8404.

Photo by Christian Steiner

Conductor Vladimir Spivakov brings The Moscow Virtuosi to Concord Pavillion. See August 4.

10 ■ FRIDAY

ABC No Rio's Cult X Change participate in Artists Television Access (ATA)'s "Who's the Landlord?" series, an ongoing series about gentrification, landlordism, tenant rights, public housing & real estate development. ABC No Rio is an artist coop/alternative space in NYC's Lower East Side. Cult X Change is a network of alternative art spaces. 2-8 pm window installation by the Cheap Art Cultural Workers, 8:30 pm performance by ABC No Rio, Rehab & the Expanding Secret Company. 9 pm info talk panel on transcending the over reliance on physical space in alternative culture. ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Ft Mason Sculptors Spring Show & Sale: opens tonight, 5-9 pm, exhibit/sale runs thru Sunday at Ft Mason Ctr Bldg C, room 260. Marina & Laguna Sts, SF. Free admission, free parking available.

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs 5 pm today & 8/24 in San Jose on cable channel 2B, 7:30 pm in Cupertino & Los Altos on cable channel 30.

"The Mythic Journey Process," lecture/wkshop by Michael Mayer. Explores the evolution of psychopathology from ancient to modern times & applies these techniques to current therapeutic perspectives. 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr needs volunteers to help those who have been affected by the AIDS epidemic. Help with the food bank, client intakes, answering the phone, newsletter production & more. Training today 7-10 pm & tmw 9 am-4 pm at Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), 2253 Concord Blvd, corner of Colfax & Concord, beside the Sugar Plum Restaurant. Info: 686-DVAC.

"Paddle Me, Crop Me, Whip Me!" Peter Fiske discusses & demonstrates a wide range of s/m implements from both the bottom & top perspectives. Doors open at 7:30 pm, class 8-10:30 pm. $15 at door. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's series of educational forums/wkshops for the s/m community. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St (at 9th), SF. Info: QSM 428-1321. Also see 8/12, 15, 22, 25, 26 & 31.

SF Hiking Club Harbin Hot Springs Trip: 3rd annual outing to Harbin, located about 100 miles north of SF. Hike, explore, camp & sunbathe (clothing optional) on 1,160 acres of secluded forest, meadows & streams. 8/10-12, $15 per person, per 24 hr period, $5 membership fee per car. $20 roundtrip transportation fee per car, to be shared among passengeres. Vegetarian meals served 6-8 pm wkends for approx $8. Breakfast & snack items available through the day, but bringing your own saves time. Bring a tent, or sleep under the stars on large sundeck. Sun morning hike from Harbin Springs to Boggs Mountain State Forest. Call Jim 285-3760 for sign-up or more info.

Vocals & Keyboard with Anna Maria Flechero at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

Kerrilyn Renshaw, piano at Old First Church. Concert of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy & Rachmaninoff. 8 pm. Tix: $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Van Ness Ave & Sacramento, SF. Info: 474-1608.

Lazarus/Dance in concert, see 8/9.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Service & Fetish Event, see 8/3.

Jazz & latin-influenced rythmns at Artemis Cafe with Ericka Luckett & special guest Jaqueline Rago of *Afazor*. $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

APC Pacific States Crafts Fair: today thru 8/12 at Ft Mason Ctr Herbst & Festival Pavilions, SF. See Parents & Kidsbox "Fairs & Fests" section for details.

Gay Games 1990 coverage on CityVision's cable channel 25: 10-11 pm. Continued coverage of games, plus interviews with local townspeople.

Financial District Lunch spons by BACW Marin, today's the registration deadline, see 8/15 for details.

11 ■ SATURDAY

Women's Friendship Group meets 3 pm at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Southbay FLSG (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) August Potluck: 6 pm at Carol's house in San Jose. Bring food to BBQ & dish to share. Newcomers welcome! Info: (408) 251-3134.

BWMTV1 Black & White Men Together Video/Rap Night. See the documentary, *Eyes on the Prize*, followed by discussion. 6:30 pm, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!

Gay & Lesbian Vegetarians Potluck: 7-9 pm in SF. Info: Susan 826-8914, Gary 626-1351.

Country Western Dancing at Amelia's: tonight & 8/25. 7-8 pm, beginning two-step & line dances; 8-9:45 pm, advanced & swing. Boots & Bolos

wecome—lots of time to twirl around the dance floor! Call instructor Alane Freund 333-0723 for info.

Gay Men's Relationship Mixer: Ready for a relationship with another man? Attend tonight's mixer—a comfortable way to meet other quality men thru small group discussions & personal sharing. Social hour follows. Doors open at 7:15 pm, mixer begins at 7:30. $5. MCC-SF Social Hall, 150 Eureka St (3 blocks west of Castro, btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: Partners Institute 343-8541.

A Night Out with East Bay BiFriendly, a group for bisexual women & men, their friends, & the bi-curious. Meet 7:30 pm for dinner at an Oakland Thai restaurant, followed by dancing. Info/res: Bill 540-0869 by 8/8.

Folk, rhythm & blues with Hunter Davis at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232. $8-10 SL.

Phallic Fellowship spons by Church of the Secret Gospel, see 8/4.

Summertime Dance presented by LYRIC for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 & under. 8 pm-midnight, $4 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). At the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-7000. Spons by the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Ctr.

Fabulous Blues Stylist Gwen Avery at Mama Bears! 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

"Bingo Night for AIDS" spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF. Prizes for each game, grand prize of $50. 8 pm. Soft drinks, beer & lots of munchies provided. $2 admission, first bingo card is $2, each additional card $1. Info: 824-0260. 176 Page St, SF.

Lazarus/Dance in concert, see 8/9.

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs tonight & 8/25 in Palo Alto, Atherton & Menlo Park. Cable channel 6, 8:30 pm.

Weekend College Informational Meeting—come find out about this alternative curriculum for creative, individualistic & self-directed adults, see 8/4.

Applied Meditation/Visualization Intensive: a 2-day wkshop with Margo Adair, author of *Working Inside Out: Tools for Change*. Learn skills to develop intuitive/psychic awareness, reduce stress, transform defeatist thinking, heal, energize & align yourself with goals, integrate politics & spirituality. Space limited, pre-reg required. SL fee. Call 861-6838 for info.

Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-580 to 35th Ave Exit. Go east toward hills on 35th Ave to Redwood Rd (35th turns into Redwood). Continue on Redwood approx 2 miles past Skyline Blvd. Park entrance is on the left. Meet 9:30 am inside the park at last parking lot. Parking fee, offstreet parking at entrance is free. Info: Roz 939-3579, Greg 865-6792.

Ft Mason Sculptors Spring Show & Sale: see 8/10.

San Leandro Reservoir Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 7 mile hike on the wooded hills above the reservoir. Bring lunch, water. One steep hill to climb after lunch. Meet at 10 am, finish by 2:30 pm. For info/directions call 534-1861.

At El Rio tonight: *Spot 1019* plus *Field Trip*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Women's Saturday Brunch with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 11 am-1 pm at 950 Rhode Island (btwn 21st & 22nd), SF. Home-made dishes appreciated. Come meet new friends & sister-conservationists! Info: 826-9462.

12 SUNDAY

"Spanking & Paddling from A to Z" class with Sybil Holiday discusses & demonstrates from her extensive collection of gloves, mitts & paddles. Men & women of all sexual orientations welcome, over 21 only. Doors open at 1:30 pm, class 2-4:30 pm. $15 at door. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St (at 9th), SF. Part of QSM's series of educational classes for the s/m community. Call 428-1321 for info. Also see 8/15, 22, 25, 26 & 31.

Lazarus/Dance in concert—final matinee performance, see 8/9.

Old-Fashioned Church Hall Fish Fry benefit for Oakland's The Center for AIDS Services. John Shields, executive chef at Gertie's prepares a down-home feast (panfried lake trout, Miss Sylvia's Potato Salad, fresh greens & ham, sweet potato pie, and more!) using recipes from his best-selling book, *The Chesapeake Bay Cookbook*. 3-9 pm at Gertie's Chesapeake Bay Cafe, 1919 Addison St, Berkeley. Anchorperson Sylvia Chase will be on hand for the premiere of a video documentary about the center. Also gospel music presentation by local gospel groups including St James Holiness Temple Church Choir, Center of Hope Choir & Downs Memorial United Methodist Church Choir. Admission: $30 for the fish fry, $50 includes cookbook signed by John Shields. Donations are tax-deductible. Tix available at the Center, 3421 Martin Luther King Way, Oakl & in Berkeley at Bette's Oceanview Diner, 1879A 4th St, Saul's Deli, 1475 Shattuck, Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck, Juice Bar Collective, 2114 Vine St & Gertie's, 1990 Addison. Info: 655-3435.

John Stover, classical guitar. Concert of works by Scarlatti, Barrios & Granados at Old First Church, Van Ness Ave & Sacramento, SF. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Chalo Eduardo & *The Brasilian Beat* at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Gen'l Membership Mtg: 5 pm at Jon Sim Ctr, 1519 Mission St, SF. Agenda: Nominations for co-chairs.

Northern Calif War Tax Resistance Mtg: informal support gathering for people who are resisting their taxes, or considering doing so. Open to anyone interested in redirecting military spending to meet human needs. 6 pm, 708 9th Ave, SF. Info: Bill 751-8268.

Benefit Concert for Freedom Song Network. Multicultural, multigenerational, polymorphous extravaganza with Reed Fromer, Harambee NOW, Peggy Lang, Ed Wyre & others. 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 753-0245.

Dance: Lori Belilove solo guest on program with choreographers Victoria

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Gay Fathers 4th Annual Pappie Awards Dinner: Sunday, 8/5. honors an individual San Franciscan who has made an outstanding contribution to benefit our local gay & lesbian community; also awards educational scholarships from the Joe Towner Fund to children of GF/SFBA, the support group for gay & bisexual men on issues of parenting, divorce & coming out. No-host cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7. $15. Don Ramon's Restaurant, 225 11th St btwn Howard & Folsom, SF. Guests, newcomers, current & former members are all welcome. Info: 821-9241.

Wkend Retreat at Camp Cazadero, Russian River, for lesbian & gay parents, and their children. 8/24-26. For info call 457-1115.

Make-A-Circus, the imaginary big top where kids in the audience take the stage, comes to Foothill College on 8/19 at 5 pm. Part of the Performing Arts Alliance Festival. Circus includes acrobatic acts, clowning, jazz band & more. Half-hour workshops after the main performance teach kids circus skills in prep for the children's show. Less-challenging stunts available for younger kids. Tix: $10/$8/$5. 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos. Info: 948-4444.

Cirque du Soleil: "Nouvelle Experience,", Cirque du Soleil's all-new 1990 production. This animal-free theatrical circus from Canada wows audiences with incredible feats & masterful illusions. Show runs 8/1-19. Tues at 8 pm, Wed & Sat at 4:30 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 1 & 4:30 pm. 8/1 opening night performance at 8:30 pm only. Fourth Street at King, nr China Basin, SF and in San Jose on 9/11-23, Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri 5:30 & 9 pm, Sat 4:30 & 8 pm, Sun 1 & 4:30 pm in Retail Pavillion Parking Lot, San Fernando & 22nd St. Tix: $12.50-33.50 adults, $6-21.50 kids. tix at BASS. Info: (415) 762-2277, (408) 998-2277.

SF Mime Troupe opens their 28th season of free park shows with "Rats," the story of a young Black visual artist on a mission who has lost her way in the 90's. When a giant rat sneaks into her apt & steals her wallet with her rent money inside she follows him down his rat hole & finds herself on a comic/surreal nightmare tour of the Bush/Trump/Helms era. Aug shows: 8/4 & 5 in Sunken Meadow/Golden Gate Park, SF. 8/11 in Mosswood Park, MacArthur & Broadway, Oakl; 8/12, Washington Square Park, Columbus & Union, SF; 8/18 & 19, Ho Chi Minh (Willard) Park, Hillegass & Derby, Berkeley; 8/25 & 26, Glen Park, Bosworth & O'Shaughnessy, SF. 2 pm, free. Schedule subject to change, call 285-1717 to confirm.

The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have AIDS-infected family members. Call Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern, 626-7000 for details.

NOCIRC (National Organization of Circumcision Information Centers) offers education & support around circumcision issues. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Call 488-9883 or 827-4077.

Composting Workshops spons by the City of SF, for kids & adults. Learn how to compost in the city, and why it's so important. Basic & advanced wkshops include demos, discussions & group composting activities. Special wkshops for kids ages 4-9, September 8, 11 am-12:30 pm. At Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave at Lawton, SF. For registration, more info or schedule of adult wkshops call the Compost Hotline: 468-0110.

SF SPCA Summer Events: SF Safari gives kids chance to meet some wild animals, discuss ways to contribute to the well-being of SF's wildlife. Wkshop on 8/2 for kids ages 7-14 & their parents, 3-4:30 pm. For info/res call SF SPCA 554-3060.

At the SF Zoo: 8/5—9 am, **"Breakfast with the Koala Keeper,"** join Koala Keeper Norman Gershez for a billybong on the porch of Kaola Crossing before the zoo opens. Reservations required, call 753-7080 for info. 8/11—10 am-12:30 pm. **"Backyard Bug Watching,"** explore the incredible diversity of insects that live in your backyard in this SF Insect Zoo class for kids 7-8. Res required, call 753-7053. 8/17—2:30 pm, **"Tea Tour of the August Moon,"** Board the Zebra Train & visit with animal keepers & animal friends; enjoy tea & scones at the Zoo Terrace Cafe, call 753-7080 for info. 8/19—7 am, **Farallons Islands Trip**, an 8-hr boat trip to observe marine mammals (including blue whales!) & 12 species of birds. Children must be at least 12 years of age. Call 753-7080 for res/info.

Doing & Viewing Art program at DeYoung Museum for ages 7-13. Tours of current exhibits, followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. 8/4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 am. First 25 kids accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658.

Sketching in the Galleries for ages 14 & older at DeYoung Museum. Informal sketching of 3-dimensional objects. Instructor Barbara Jackson uses specific works of art as the basis for students' own drawings; previous drawing experience not necessary. 8/4 & 11. 10:15 am or 1:30 pm. Info/reg: 750-3624.

Art in the Summer at the DeYoung for ages 4-16. 4 or 8 wk sessions, includes museum tours, touchable art & various studio activities. Info: 750-3658.

Beth Abrams Dance Studio offers classes in jazz dance, jazz dance for kids ages 10-16, & stretch aerobics. Fun, supportive, non-competitive, non-homophobic atmosphere. 3435 Army St, Ste 208, SF. Info: 282-6177.

Children's Latin American Music Ensemble Class at La Pena, Wednesdays, 4-5 pm. Free. Info: 849-2572. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Fairs & Festivals for Kids, Family & Friends in August: 8/5, **10th Annual Jewish Film Festival** special children's program at UC Theatre in Berkeley. An hour-long animation & live action tribute to Maurice Sendak, featuring *Really Rosie, Where the Wild Things Are, In the Night Kitchen* and *Zlateh the Goat*. Noon. $1 tix. Info: 548-0556. **Pacific States Craft Fair**, 8/10-12 at Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Jewelry, leatherware, puppets, furniture, dolls, baskets, quilts, musical instruments, ceramic vessels, glass sculptures & museum-quality art objects on exhibit and available for sale. $5 admission, kids under 12 are free. Info: 896-5060. Wheelchair Accessible. **San Jose Children's Musical Theater**, with a cast of 114 youngsters ages 6-20, perform the musical "Around the World in 80 Days," on 8/10-12 as part of the San Jose New World Festival (8/3-19). Tix: $7-15. For info call (408) 288-KIDS.

Kidfest Wkend, 8/18-19, part of the San Jose New World Festival. Fun-filled wkend offers kids a chance to experience the culture of San Jose by watching & learning mulicultural dance & music, meeting exotic animals, playing games from different countries. In Guadalupe Park, outside the Children's Discovery Museum, 10 am-5 pm. For details call (408) 277-5144. **36th Annual Golden Gate to Gems** Fair presented by the SF Gem & Mineral Society. 8/4, 10 am-6 pm and 8/5, 10 am-5 pm in the Hall of Flowers, SF County Fair Bldg, Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, SF. Displays, dealers, demos, lectures on minerals, fossils, jewelry, crafts & hobbies. Door prizes given. $3.50 gen'l, $3 srs, kids under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

Daycare: Everything you need to know. Activist/authors Joan Roemer & Barbara Austin read from & discuss their book *Two to Four from 9 to 5*. Come find out what every parent should know about selecting the right day care, how day care really works, & how to make the most of this experience for your child. 8/21, 8 pm, at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Info: 845-7852.

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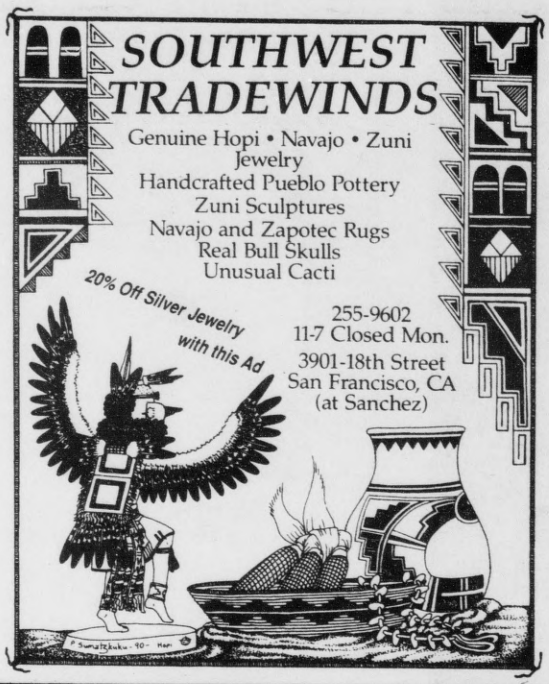

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Morgan & Rina Shagan. Bay Area Concerto Ensemble Orchestra performs works by Strauss & Liszt. 8 pm, $15. SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady St, SF. Info: 821-3762, 665-7396.

"A Day in the Country" with BACW Marin. Join Bay Area Career Women for a day at the Willows in Guerneville—with canoeing, swimming, hot tubbing, etc. Bring lunch. Optional dinner at The Blue Heron. Call Mary 892-1207 for info/carpools.

Ft Mason Sculptors Spring Show & Sale—see 8/10.

Electric City gay & lesbian TV-see 8/5.

Men's Potluck Brunch for older gay men. Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Come enjoy good company, good food, and a wonderful garden! Bring a dish to share. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

13 MONDAY

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Info for Self-Employed People," a two-evening (tonight & 8/14) seminar spons by Options Institute. Taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. 7-9:30 pm, $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) Varsity Match with Calgary Rules: come out for an eve of hilarious comedy improv. 8 pm, $7. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

13th Heaven Goddess TV stars Zsuzsanna Budapest in an entertaining, educational program on women's spirituality. 10 pm, SF cable channel 25.

14 TUESDAY

South African Women's Rights Day: join Radical Women in a commemoration of South African Women's Rights Day. Find out what issues are at the top of South African feminists' agenda. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523-A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1278.

Meet Your Spirit Guides: 4 wkly classes, part of an ongoing series for women. Find out about the spirit guides that help us along our path toward understanding our problems, guide us in decision-making, help us to know & achieve our purpose; give healing, protection & teaching. Beginners welcome! 8-10 pm, $40-80 SL fee, $10-20 per class, $15-20 if drop-in. Info: Pati McDermott 652-6355.

Brigadier General Clara Adams-Ender, who was born into a Black sharecropper's family in North Carolina & went on to become chief of the US Army Nurse Corps, gives the keynote speech, "Valuing Cultural Diversity in the Workplace," at today's public seminar focusing on issues of cultural diversity at work. UCSF Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-2993.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs in the Southbay, see 8/7.

15 WEDNESDAY

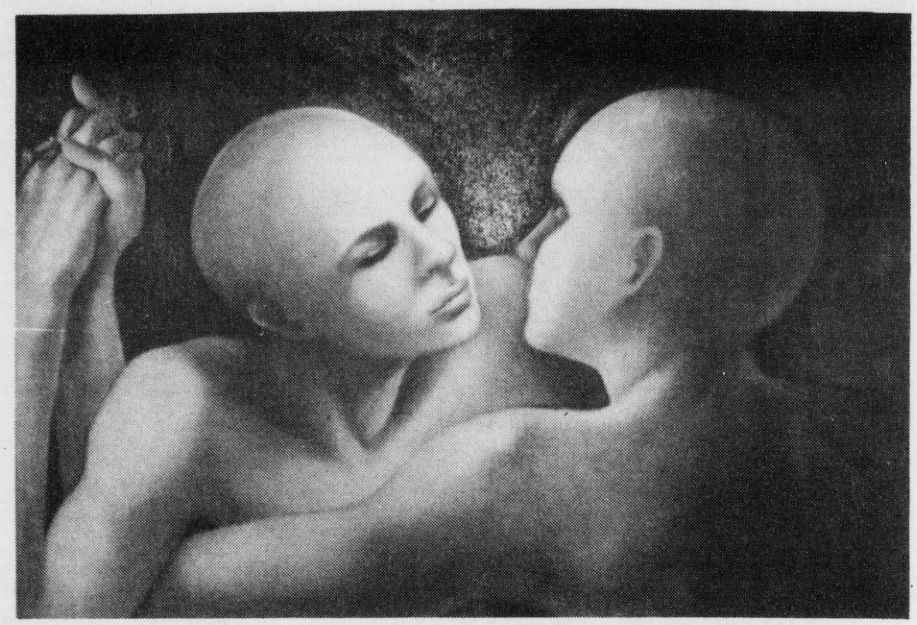
"Discovery" a discussion group for older gay men, meets 2:15 pm today at 333 Turk St, SF. Topic: Lovers & Friends. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Pamela Morgan presents a slideshow of her visit to the Rosebud Reservation of the Lakota Indians. Potrays the pain & hope of contemporary Native American cultures. 7 pm, free, donations accepted (portion of proceeds benefit tribal agencies). 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Poets Present Poets at Mama Bears. Presented every third Wed by Lavendar Rose Poets Group. Tonight's evening is entitled, "Humor or... Humiliation." Various readers present a fun, fast-paced, humorous look at life. 7:30 pm, $5-8. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

"Intro to Gender Play," Class: Carol Kleinmaier & Edward Georing describe their own gender play, answer questions, distribute a resource list. Doors open at 7:30 pm, class 8-10:30 pm. $12 at door. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St (at 9th), SF. Men & women of all sexual orientations welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's series of educational classes for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Women's Network forming. Attend tonight's planning & idea meeting—7:30 pm at Noe Valley Ministry, 23rd & Sanchez St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible.



Fourteen women artists' work is exhibited at Art Lick—see galleries for details.

SIGN available (call 576-6883 to reserve, voice only). For more info call 567-6883.

Queer Nation mtg—see 8/1.

"How to Meditate—Basic Principles of Theory & Practice," a talk with Jim Gilman. 7:30 pm at 135 Beulah St (2 blocks above Haight, btwn Shrader & Stanyan), SF. Spons by The Silent Way. $10. Lecture preceded by guided meditation. Info: 386-6753.

Country-Western Dancing for Marin & Sonoma Counties—see 8/1.

***Do I Have to Give Up Me** to Be Loved by You*, co-authors Erika J Chopich & Margaret Paul read from & discuss their new book on healing aloneness & finding love & wholeness thru your inner child. 7:30 pm. Everone welcome! Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV—see 8/1.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Social, see 8/1.

Comedy at El Rio with Theresa Holcomb, Karen Ripley, Michael Lee & others. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs tonight at 9:30 pm in the Eastbay, see 8/1.

Financial District Lunch with Bay Area Career Women. Call Renee 237-9209 by 8/10 for reservations. Spons by BACW Marin.

Drop-in Support Group for Lesbians 60 & Over—see 8/1.

16 THURSDAY

MACT/GBA (Men of All Colors Together/Greater Bay Area) Board of Directors Mtg—6:30-8:30 pm, 1264 Bush St #1, SF. For info call London 928-4474.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group mtg—see 8/2.

Gay Men's Sketch-Castro. Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Duo night of black & white contrasts with bodybuilder/artist Stan Stone & bodybuilder/physique contestant Alfonso Chinea. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears. Tarot readings available by Suzanne Judith, call ahead to reserve reading time. 7-11 pm. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

***Bisexuality:** A Reader & Sourcebook* —author Thomas Geller appears at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 282-9246.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic—"Lesbians Coping with Chronic Medical Illness & Disability," led by Gloria Kardong, MD. Discussion focus on issues of self-esteem, control, dependency, dating, relationships & sexuality that emerge in coping with chronic medical illness & disability. All women welcome. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

The Tenderloin Reflection & Education Ctr gives a reading of work by women at the center about their lives. 7:30 pm, donation. Everyone welcome! Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4675.

Country-Western Dancing at BJ's, Corte Madera, see 8/2 for details.

Men Dancing 9: annual program includes modern dances by Remy Charlip. Tracy Rhoades, Contraband Men, former Limon dancers Fred Matthews & Gary Masters; plus the SF Sadletramps, Mark Foehringer, David Niu of the Chinese Folk Dance Assoc, and capoeira by Marcelo Pereira & partner. Tonight thru 8/18 at 8 pm, 8/19 matinee at 2 pm. At Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix: $12. Available at BASS & STBS Union Square/Embarcadero. Box Office: 621-7797.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs in the Southbay, see 8/2.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with comic Scott Capurro, female impersonator Dana Devero & dj Cory Iwatsu. 9 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

17 FRIDAY

Components of Ballroom/Latin Dance for Lesbians & Gay Men: 4-wk course designed especially for same-sex dancing. Learn basic step patterns, plus leading & following and rhythm & style skills. Fir eves, 8/17, 24, 31 & 9/1. Level I (starter's class), 6:45 pm warm-up, 7-8:30 pm class. Level II (basic knowledge required), 8:15 pm warm-up, 8:30-10 pm class. Info/reg: Gene 775-5732. Call Cheek to Cheek Hotline 995-4736 for updates. $40 adv reg, $45 first day of class (on space available basis). No experience necessary!

13th Heaven Goddess TV starring Z Budapest seeks women for audience & technical crew during taping in Hayward. 7:45-10 pm. Info: 444-7724.

Roberta Wain-Becker, mezzo-soprano in concert at Old First Church, Van Ness Ave & Sacramento, SF. Performance of art songs & folk songs by Israeli & Yiddish composers, and art songs by Webern, Mendelssohn, and others. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Suave & Satirical—night of song with Monica Grant at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Fetish Event, see 8/3.

Gretchen Koch simmers, sizzles & steams on keyboards, guitar, percussion & vocals at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. $5-7 SL. Info: 821-0232.

Men Dancing 9 at Theatre Artaud—see 8/16.

18 SATURDAY

Women Who Love too Much: do you fear losing control or being rejected; do you have difficulty trusting or asking for what you want; is someone you love an addict or alcoholic? This wkshop, spons by Western Addition Family Hope Ctr, is for you. 1-4 pm, $2-10 SL fee. Childcare provided. At the YWCA, 1830 Sutter & Buchanan St, SF.

The Vocal Minority of the Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts is holding auditions for the 1990-91 season. Vocal positions available for sopranos, altos & tenors. Info/appt: contact director Wayne Love 558-8018 or manager Todd King 861-3861.

BWMT C-R/Rap on "Interracial Relationships—the Nitty Gritty," a continuation of Black & White Men Together's 7/14 discussion on all aspects of this topic, including "everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask!" 6:30 pm at 1350 Waller St at Masonic, SF. Refreshments served, everyone is welcome.

MACT/BWMT (Men of All Colors Together/Black & White Men Together) AIDS Task Force Safer Sex Playshop: 6:30-9:30 pm, 1350 Waller St (nr Masonic), SF. Info: Sylvester 474-5905.

Moonlight Hike with BACW Marin. Join Bay Area Career Women for a moonlit walk in Muir Woods Meadows. Bring water & flashlight. Optional dinner at Pelican Inn following hike. Meet 7 pm at Muir Woods parking lot. Info/details: Mary 892-1207.

Mujerio Cultural Event—a latina lesbian cultural event for women. Evening for latinas to share their music, dance & poetry performances. 7-10 pm, $5-10 SL. American Indian Ctr, 225 Valencia St, SF. This is a substance-free event. Info: 658-7135 or 626-1308.

Over Our Heads: night of improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Annie Larson, Teresa Chandler, Marian Damon & Pam Stoneham. At Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

Phallic Fellowship spons by Church of the Secret Gospel, see 8/4.

At Artemis Cafe tonight: hot new originals, plus some oldies to knock your socks off with *Stonehenge. $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.*

Men Dancing 9 at Theatre Artaud, see 8/16.

Class Reunions: 10th & 20th year reunions planned for several Bay Area high schools—Berkeley, Mt Diablo, Burlingame, Crestmoor, San Mateo & Northgate, see 8/4 listing for details.

Gay & Lesbian Summer Dance at Stanford, spons by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance at Stanford. 9 pm, $3. Elliot Program Ctr, Governors Corner Dorm Complex, Santa Teresa St, nr corner of Campus Drive West. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 725-4222.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N. Canyon Rd, continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science, take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

What About My Needs? A wkshop for lesbian partners of incest/sexual abuse survivors. Learn the dynamics of the partner position, share experiences, and discover new ways to take care of yourself. 10 am-5 pm, $65. Info: Miriam Smolover, MFCC; 428-1512.

At El Rio tonight: *LZ* plus *Bedrock*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Weekend College Informational Mtg. Come find out about this alternative curriculum for adults who are creative, idealistic, individualistic & self-directed. See 8/4 for details.

Channeling, Healing & Manifesting, a workshop with Cindy Haupert, former assistant to Sanaya Roman & Duane Packer. Today & tmw at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info: 323-4778.

Hortiphiles Tour Coit Tower, Grace Merchant Gardens. Meet 11 am at Levi Strauss Plaza, SF. Join this lesbian/gay group of plant lovers for a potluck picnic & guided walking tour led by Lynn Galia of SF Friends of the Urban Forest. Guests welcome! Info Michael (415) 826-2515 or Henrietta (408) 246-1117.

"KTCH: On the Air," A day in the life of the lowest-budgeted TV station on the face of the planet. Directed by Lex

Chesler. Part of Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Late Night Series. Improv stories based on audience suggestions, directed by BATS performers. 11 pm, $6. The Loft at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Ministry of Light meets at noon at Lemetur Beach. Call 457-1115 for more info.

19 SUNDAY

Make-A-Circus comes to Foothill College, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Men Dancing 9 at Theatre Artaud, see 8/16.

2nd Annual "A Brief Affair for AIDS"—underwear party at the I-Beam. I-Beam staff & patrons (optional for patrons, of course) will be in their undies tonight to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. 3 pm till closing! 1748 Haight St, SF. $100 prize for the hottest looking person in underwear. Admission free.

Orquesta Guyacan at El Rio: 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

An Eve of Video, Music & Resistance: Eastbay premiere of *Resistance Conspiracy* by Lisa Rudman & PCTV. Video goes behind prison walls to speak with 6 US political prisoners labeled terrorists by the US govt—Laura Whitehorn, Susan Rosenberg, Linda Evans, Marilyn Buck, Tim Blunk & Alan Berkman—longtime anti-imperialist activists who discuss their lives, the politics of the armed actions they are accused of, the conditions they & other prisoners face, & their vision for the future. Program includes special guest songwriter Stephen Riave. 7:30 pm, $5-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit Resistance Conspiracy defendants. Wheelchair Accessible, Childcare provided with 24 hr notice. Please do not wear scents. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 995-4735.

"Exploring Our Myths/Inventing Our Lives," wkshop by author/historian Will Roscoe. Represents the result of nearly 10 years of research into gay-related myths & traditions of non-western, non-patriarchal societies. Looks at men who loved other men & rejected conventional male roles. Provides contemporary gay men with a rich store of images & inspiration. Wkshop combines story presentation & visual images with group exercises & guided meditations. $25. Info/reg: 563-7277.

Mt Tam Circumambulation with SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores St, SF. Strenuous 6.5 mile exploratory loop hike with an elevation gain of 1,300 ft in 1.75 miles, but one that offers splendid views throughout its length. Bring lunch, full canteen & sunscreen. Rain cancels hike. Total auto travel: 30 miles, $3 mileage plus $2 bridge toll per car, to be shared among passengers.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV, see 8/5.

Sunday's Women presents "Acupressure for Yourself & Others" with Nancy Burke. Learn about a gentle, effective method of bodywork to increase well-being. 11:30 am, $7-10 donation requested. Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. Info: Women's Sprituality Forum 420-1454.

Numerology Minireadings at Two Sisters Bookshop with Sally Faubion. Noon-5 pm. $15 fee for 15 mins, reservations preferred. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info: 323-4778.

20 MONDAY

Dept of Gay & Lesbian Studies at SF Community College is offering the following classes: Anthropology of Homosexualities, Gay & Lesbian Lit Survey, Gay/Lesbian Lit Int'l, Homosexuality in Contemporary Film, Maitaining Sexual Well-Being, Issues in Lesbian Relationships, Gay Male Relationships & Gay & Lesbian Workplace Issues. For Info call CCSF Reg Ctr: 239-3430.

BATS Junior Varsity Match: Bay Area Theatresports up-and-coming players in an eve of improvisational madness. 8 pm, $7. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

21 TUESDAY

"Moving Toward Life: A Cancer Self-Help Program," led by Anna Halprin, PhD, Jamie McHugh, MA, and the staff of the Tamalpa Institute. Based on the use of visualization, movement & your healing, creative self. For info/reg: 461-9479. Today thru 9/25, 6:30-9 pm, Tamalpa Studio, Marin County. $60-150/series, SL scholarships available. Pre-reg required.

Bondage Buddies: social get-together for gay men interested in bondage, a way to meet someone into the scene in a safe, non-threatening atmosphere. Call 621-6294 for costs, location & other info.

Wetlands in the Bay Area: Gay/Lesbian Sierrans August program mtg focuses in wetlands preservation. Talk by Ruth Gravanis of the Mission Creek Conservancy & Sierra Club Task Force on Wetlands, followed by slideshow of member trip to the Grand Canyon. 7:30 pm, free. Refreshments provided. Sierra Club Nat'l Office, 730 Polk St at Ellis, SF. 4th floor library.

East Bay BiFriendly group meets for dinner & conversation in Berkeley, see 8/7.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs in the Southbay, see 8/7.

UCSF Women's Resource Ctr Summer 1990 Film Series continues with *Lifetime Commitment: A Portrait of Karen Thompson*. Empowering video documents the struggle of Thompson to be allowed to see & care for her disabled lover. Noon-1 pm, followed by discussion led by Maria Gil De Lamadrid, staff attorney at the Nat'l Ctr for Lesbian Rights. Free. Info: 476-0400.

22 WEDNESDAY

Womantalk: A Discussion Group for Older Lesbians: meets 2:15 pm at North of Market Senior Ctr, 333 Turk St, SF. Topic: "The Passionate Life: Making Friends & New Connections". Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Film 120D, Contemporary Lesbian & Gay Film (1964-1990) begins tonight & tmw with screenings of *Something for Everyone*, starring Michael York as an amoral, bisexual rogue who seduces a whole family. On 8/29 & 30 class screens *The Group* which features Candace Bergen as "Lakey", a prototypical Hollywood lesbian. 18-wk class features films & shorts, plus presentations by lesbian & gay filmmakers & scholars, and is spons by the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival through SF City College. $15 fee. Other films to be screened this semester include *Cherchez La Femme* a video about lesbians on film & network TV; *Making Love; Sergeant Matlovich vs the US Air Force; A Woman Like Eve; A Death in the Family; The Outsiders; The Hunger; Diana's Hair Ego* and more. Call 863-9754 for pre-reg, or reg first night of class. This once-a-week class has 3 sessions: Weds at 2 pm, City College Visual Arts Bldg, room 114; or at 6:30 pm at Mission High, 18th & Dolores, Thurs at 6:30 pm, Mission High.

Partnerships & Corporations: wkshop presented by California Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). Experienced business attorney discusses the differences btwn partnerships & corporations, answers questions regarding when each is an appropriate form of business. 7-8:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, room 300, SF. Info: CLA 775-7200.

Writers Wkshop for Older Writers at Operation Concern, see 8/8.

Country-Western Dancing for Marin & Sonoma Counties, see 8/1.

Queer Nation mtg—see 8/1.

"Dancing the Gender Line" Class with Wendy Dalton/Terry Sullivan. Evening begins with gender performance, continues with discussion & drag. Doors open at 7:30 pm, class 8-10:30 pm. $15 at door, over 21 only. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison (at 9th), SF. Part of QSM's series of educational classes for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321. Also see 8/25, 26 & 31.

Can We Talk? Bay Area Career Women discussion group meets tonight, 7:30-9 pm in Central Marin. Topic: "Dreams & Nightmares". Call Sandy 457-5064 for info/directions. Spons by BACW Marin.

"The Truth About Morals—You Don't Have to Be Good to Know God," a talk with Jim Gilman. 7:30 pm at 135 Beulah St (2 blocks above Haight, btwn Shrader & Stanyan), SF. Spons by The Silent Way. $10. Lecture preceded by guided meditation. Info: 386-6753.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Social—see 8/1.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV, see 8/1.

Free Printing & Graphics Class begins today at Mission Community Colge, 106 Bartlett St, nr Mission/22nd, SF. Excellent training, new equipment. 18-wk day & eve classes. For info call 550-4384, to register come to first day of class.

Free Desktop Publishing Class on the Macintosh computer, offered at Mission Community College, 106 Bartlett St nr Mission/22nd, SF. Basic Mac skills & hands-on training in graphics & page layout programs. 18-wk class starts today. Pre-reg necessary, call 550-4384, 550-4392 for info.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marga Gomez & Tom Ammiano. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs tonight at 9 pm in the Eastbay on PCTV cable network (Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, Piedmont, El Cerrito, Richmond & Albany).

23 THURSDAY

Herb Walk with Francine Ball, certified acupuncturist & traditional Chinese herbalist. Tour the Chinese Medicinal Herb Garden at UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens, which contains the largest collection of Chinese herbs in the country—over 90 varieties of unusual plants. $6. Info: 534-6506.

Men's Friendship Group for older gay men meets today, see 8/9.

"Here to Stay" gay/lesbian talk show—see 8/9.

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs tonight at 6:30 pm on SF cable channel 6.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group mtg, see 8/2.

Margaret Cruikshank author of *The Lesbian Path, Lesbian Studies* and *New Lesbian Writing*, teaches a course in Lesbian & Gay Int'l Lit, beginning today at SF City College. Thurs eves, 6:30-9:30 pm thru December. Info: 239-3721.

Gay Men's Sketch-Castro. Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic—"Sex, Love, & Intimacy"—an interactive discussion/wkshop led by Patricia Brucker & Allison Pollack. All women welcome. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Country-Western Line Dance Wkshop: learn 3 line dances tonight at BJ's, 5625 Paradise Dr (Paradise Shopping Ctr), Corte Madera. 7:30-9 pm lessons, dancing till midnight. Dj/instructor Donna E. All welcome! Info: 924-8432.

Judy Freespirit & other contributors to the anthology *Speaking for Ourselves: Short Stories by Jewish Lesbians*, edited by Irene Zahava, share their work at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. Especially for women. Info: 821-4675.

Bisexuality: *A Reader & Sourcebook* —author Thomas Geller appears at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm. Info: 845-0837.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs in the Southbay, see 8/2.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with comic Josh Kornbluth, female impersonator Sister Woman, exotic dancer Kathleen Ward & dj Carlos Grant. 9 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

24 FRIDAY

Outlook lesbian/gay video news & entertainment show airs in the Southbay, see 8/10.

Women's Reading Group: discover the joy of reading & discussing books by & about women! For time, location & other info call Ilene 221-2361 or Barbara 362-9651.

Video Night with MACT (Men of All Colors Together). See *El Norte*, followed by discussion. 7-10 pm, 3135 Courtland, Oakland. Info: Lee 261-7922.

Free Macintosh Computer Class offered at Mission Community College, 106 Bartlett St nr Mission/22nd, SF. Hands-on training in basic Mac skills. 9-wk evening class starts today. Info/pre-reg: 550-4384, 550-4392.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Fetish Event, see 8/3.

Rafael Manriquez, Chilean folk singer/guitarist, in concert at Old First Church, Van Ness Ave & Sacramento, SF. Traditional & new songs of the Latin American peoples' struggle for liberation and peace. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: 474-1608.

Singer/songwriter Erica Wheeler in concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

***Clea* at Artemis Cafe**—jazz and rock & roll originals. 1190 Valencia St, SF. $4-6 SL. Info: 821-0232.

Lesbian/Gay Parents & Kids Wkend Retreat—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

25 SATURDAY

Lesbians & Gays—Be Yourself!—

C O D Y · S

AUGUST EVENTS 1990

August 1. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.

John Bradshaw

John Bradshaw, author of **Bradshaw on the Family** and **Healing the Shame That Binds You** will be signing copies of his new book, **Homecoming: Reclaiming and Championing Your Inner Child.** Hailed as a unique phenomenon in the field of self-help, Bradshaw has inspired millions of people. He traces problems such as addiction, chronic depression, and co-dependency in adult life to the ways in which people change their behavior in childhood to adapt themselves to dysfunctional family patterns. Note: John Bradshaw will **not** be speaking but will be signing books only.

August 6. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Seth Morgan

Don't miss this reading and signing by Seth Morgan of his hilarious and savage new novel, **Homeboy**. With neon prose and a merciless eye, **Homeboy** sends the reader on a nightmare journey through San Francisco's drug underworld and the California prison system. Seth Morgan is himself a survivor of the San Francisco street drug culture and a former convict.

August 12. Sunday. 7:30 P.M.

Robert Draper

Journalist and author Robert Draper and members of the staff of **Rolling Stone Magazine** will come together for a reunion re-hash of old times. Draper will be reading from and discussing his new book, **Rolling Stone Magazine: The Uncensored History**, a behind-the-scenes account of the inspired chaos that wrought a legend out of the sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll madness of the Sixties.

August 14. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Alberto Villoldo

Psychologist Alberto Villoldo will discuss his new book, **The Four Winds: A Shaman's Odyssey into the Amazon,** a riveting account of his journey to Peru to research the **ayahuasca,** "the vine of death" used by Indian shamans to access the 4 paths of the Medicine Wheel. Villoldo enters a dangerous and fantastic realm, where our assumptions about the workings of the human mind are challenged by the knowledge of the ancient secrets of the Quechuan masters.

August 16. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Evelyn C. White

Evelyn C. White, **San Francisco Chronicle** journalist and editor of **The Black Women's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves,** will be appearing with two of her contributors, Opal Palmer Davis and Andrea Lewis. This book is a compelling collection of advice, comfort, inspiration and strength, the first book of its kind written for and by black women on health.

August 17. Friday. 8:00 P.M.

Margaret Paul and Erika Chopich

Margaret Paul, author of **Do I Have to Give Up Me to Be Loved By You,** and Erica Chopich will discuss their new book, **Healing Your Aloneness: Finding Love and Wholeness Through Your Inner Child.** In this book, the authors tell us how we can heal our feelings of aloneness by uniting our inner adult and our inner child.

August 18. Saturday. 2:00 P.M.

Janos Wilder

Janos Wilder, author of **Janos: Recipes and Tales From a Southwest Restaurant,** and considered by **Travel and Lesiure** to be "one of the finest cooks in America", will be demonstrating salsas, appetizers and/or cold soups. This book is truly the finest and most creative Southwestern cookbook around. Come taste for yourself.

August 21. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Joan Roemer and Barbara Austin

Joan Roemer, called "a revolutionary in day care" by the **San Francisco Chronicle**, and Barbara Austin, author of **Sad Nun at Synanon** and **Soulcatcher**, will be reading from and discussing their book, **Two to Four from 9 to 5**. Ms. Roemer has run a family-style day care center in Oakland for the past fifteen years. Find out what every parent should know about selecting the right day care, how day care really works, and how to make the most of this experience for your child.

August 23. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Thomas Geller

Thomas Geller, editor of **Bisexuality: A Reader and Sourcebook,** is the first self-acknowledged American bisexual to compile a book on the subject. Many previous works from gay, straight and academic sources have presented bisexuality in a negative light. Using personal interviews, scientific writings on biological and sociological aspects, and a resource guide that lists discussion groups worldwide, films, plays and the most comprehensive bibliography currently available, Mr. Geller presents a more complete and balanced picture of a frequently misunderstood minority.

August 28. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Dave Pallone

Dave Pallone, for ten years a major league umpire, will discuss his recently published autobiography, **Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball**. Not only a revealing insider's look behind the scenes of our national pastime, **Behind the Mask** exposes the homophobia of baseball's hierarchy. Whether discussing his part in Pete Rose's controversial suspension or the charge he was fired because he was gay, Dave Pallone calls 'em as he sees 'em.

August 30. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Peter Oresick

Poet and editor Peter Oresick and local poets Gary Soto and Alice Wirth Gray will read from and discuss **Working Classics: Poems on Industrial Life,** an anthology that captures the essence of work and working class life in industrial America. Ranging from the mills to the mine shafts, from packing eggs to assembling cars, **Working Classics** has gathered a diverse collection representing 74 American and Canadian poets, nearly a third of them women, whose work spans the period from 1945 to the present. Other contributors include June Jordan, Philip Levine, and Richard Hugo.

September 5. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.

Holly Near

Holly Near, singer-songwriter-actress-activist and record company executive, now turns writer with the debut of her autobiography, **Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm**. More concerned with peace-making than hit-making, Holly Near has used her musical gifts to defend such originally unpopular causes as human rights in El Salvador, the oppression of people with AIDS, and a woman's right to choose. Ms. Near will be reading, performing as well as signing copies of her moving and courageous autobiography.

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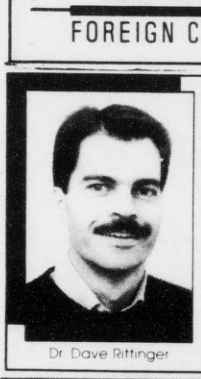
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and help prevent the violence that we are subjected to simply because we are lesbian & gay—join Community United Against Violence (CUAV)'s Speakers Bureau. Training session today, 1-5 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Geneva Fernandez 864-3112.

"Playing at Gender," Class with Catherine Harrison & Kate Bornstein. Students encouraged thru guided exercises to deconstruct their genders, reach a point of gender neutrality, & construct a new gender with which to play. Doors open at 1:30 pm, class 2-4:30 pm. $15 at door, over 21 only. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St (at 9th), SF. Part of QSM's series of educational forums for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321. Also see 8/26 & 31.

Benefit BBQ Poetry & Music with Gwen Avery, Dorothy Allison, & many others. 3-6 pm, $25 SL at 145 Guerrero St (nr Duboce), SF. Proceeds help send Valerie Brown to the Pan American games in Venezuela. Info: 621-6207.

John Champagne, author of *Blue Lady's Hands* and *When the Parrot Boy Sings*, reads from his work at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 3:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

BWMT Potluck & TCB: join Black & White Men Together for some good food & taking care of business—discuss important BWMT/SF issues such as member services, leadership, & future political goals. 6:30 pm, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Everyone welcome! Bring food or drink (alcholic & non-alcoholic) to share.

Country & Western Dancing at Amelia's—see 8/11 for details.

Bondage Buddies Play Party: a safesex (leather & non-leather) party for gay men into bondage. Call 621-6294 for costs, location & other info.

kd lang nite for women at the Municipal Club House, Municipal Golf Course in Ukiah. 7:30-9 pm country & western dance lessons, followed by dancing till 1 am. Free raffles throughout the night. $3. Proceeds benefit Project Sanctuary (rape crisis). Info: Patricia (707) 468-8312.

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Sequoia-Bayview Trail/Joaquin Miller Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd, continue .4 miles to trail head on left. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"Money Grows on Trees," a Rosegarden Nursery Fundraiser. Plant a tree to memorialize a friend or loved one and you'll help raise money for Sonoma Country AIDS organization & women's cancer research, as well as contribute to the environment. A good way to symbolize the re-birth & continuation of life. 10 am. Info: (707) 792-1663, 938-4131.

***Zsa Zsa House* plus** *Fat Molly's Kitchen* at El Rio tonight—10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

26 SUNDAY

"High-Tech Toys" class presented by Sora Counts. Sora designs rods, paddles & whips from fiber glass, teflon, and other high-tech materials. Doors open at 1:30 pm, class 2-4:30 pm. $15 at door, over 21 only. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Part of QSM's series of educational classes for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321. Also see 8/31.

Edward Swift, author of *Splendora* and *Christopher Park Irregulars*, reads from his recent work, *Mother of Pearl*. 3:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Celia Malherios & Friends at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin service: 4 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of the Redwoods, 8 Olive St (corner of Throckmorton & Olive), Mill Valley.

South of Market on Wheels: biking tour spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Bicycle thru SF's traditional light industrial & warehouse district, which offers a wide variety of architectural styles & building types. Bring your bike & meet at 10 am, east end of South Park. $15 fee. For info call 441-3004.

SF Bay Wildlife Refuge Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Ruth Gravanis leads this 5-mile hike. Chance to see wildlife in a vanishing habitat. Bring lunch, water, binoculars. Meet 9 am at Safeway, Church & Market, SF, for carpooling. Eastbay hikers meet 10 am at Refuge Visitor's Ctr. Info/directions: Mike 863-9987.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV—see 8/5.

Ft Cronkite Picnic for Older Lesbians & their Friends. 11:30 am. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Call Pat at the GLOE office 626-7000 for details.

27 MONDAY

Recovery from Alcohol, Drug & Food Addictions: free, 8-wk course spons by SF Community College's Castro Valencia Program starts today. Taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Topics include: becoming an addict, health consequences of addictions, cultural & family origins of addictive patterns, development & course of addictions, recovery from alcohol & drug addiction, recovery from eating disorders. Taught by Bev Wells, PhD. Info: 922-7612.

SF Civic Chorale holds auditions for new members tonight, 7-10 pm, at Rose Court, corner of Pine & Pierce, SF. Info: 453-8853.

BATS "All Star Musical" at New Performance Gallery: Barbara Scott directs Bay Area Theatresports performers in a summer musical interlude. 8 pm, $10. 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Gay Games 1990 coverage by CityVision's cable channel 25 concludes with "Straight Talk," a half-hour capsule of the entire event, including closing ceremonies—10-10:30 pm; followed by premiere of the gay soap, "Secret Passions, Part II", 10:30-11 pm.

28 TUESDAY

The Dysfunctional Family: a free 8-wk course offered by SF Community College's Castro Valencia Program. Taught by Genevieve Howe, MFCC; class covers the origins of dysfunctional families, types of dysfunctional family patterns, characteristics of dysfunctional families, developmental issues & the adult child, intimacy, boundary & control issues, roles & rules, the treatment process & tools of recovery. Class starts tonight. 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: 922-7612.

Women's Rights Day: from Suffrage to Abortion, the Fight Continues—Radical Women Mtg pays tribute to the 70th anniversary of Women's Rights Day, takes a look at the history & lessons of the US suffrage movement in light of recent attacks on women's right to choose. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523-A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1278.

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Men Dancing 9—a dance extravaganza & celebration not to be missed. See August 16.

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Queer Nation mtg—see 8/1.

"Life Is But A Dream: Insight into the Nature of the World," lecture by Jim Gilman at 7:30 pm. 135 Beulah St (2 blocks above Haight, btwn Shrader & Stanyan), SF. $10. Lecture preceded by guided meditation. Spons by The Silent Way. Info: 386-6753.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV, see 8/1.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Social—see 8/1.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Danny Williams, Sandy Van, Maureen Brownsey & Donald E Lacey. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

30 THURSDAY

Gay Men's Sketch-Castro. Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Bodybuilder/movement performer Zoltan models. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Scottish Folksinger Jean Redpath & Scottish Fiddler Alasdair Fraser in concert at McKenna Creative Arts Theatre, SF State University. 8 pm, $10. Info: 527-2607.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs in the Southbay, see 8/2.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with comics Cathy Sorbo & others to be announced, plus dj Peggy Key. 9 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

31 FRIDAY

"Deep Penetrating Action," class presented by Tony DeBlase. Tony demonstrates using rubber hoses, truncheons & drumsticks as part of an s/m scene. Doors open at 7:30 pm, class 8-10:30 pm. $15 at door, over 21 only. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St (at 9th), SF. Part of QSM's series of educational classes for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Country Style originals at Artemis Cafe tonight with Belle Stilwill. $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

Church of the Secret Gospel Phallic Church Service & Fetish Event of the Week—see 8/3.

GALLERIES

At Judah L Magnes Museum: "Solomon Nunes Carvalho: Painter & Prophet in 19th Century America," thru 10/7. "Louis Heller & Elizabeth Fleischmann: 19th Century Jewish Photographers in California," thru 10/7. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

At Galeria/Museo, Mission Cultural Ctr: "1st Annual Exhibition of Women Artists," works by Ruth Chase, Jacqui Ford, Silvia Ladezma, Dordie Moriel & Muriel Schneps. 8/10-30. Hrs: Tues-Fri 1-6 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm. Info: 821-1155.

At Capp Street Project/AVT: "Destiny, Entropy, & Junk" an installation by Francesc Torres dramatizing the ways that political & economic power leads to competition, confrontation & collision. Opening reception 8/9, 5:30-7:30 pm, exhibit runs 8/10-9/29; retrospective screening/discussion with the artist on 8/16, 7:30 pm at Pacific Film Archive, gallery talk on 9/6, 7:30 pm at Capp Street Project. "The Crack House is the White House," mixed media exhibit addressing issues of housing, tenancy & real-estate speculation in SF; produced primarily by children & teenagers living in housing projects throughout the City. Reception 8/9, 5:30-7:30 pm, exhibit runs 8/10-9/29. 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747.

At University Art Museum, Berkeley: "Erle Loran: A Tribute," thru 9/2 in Theater Gallery; "Constructed Images: New Photography," photographic works by contemporary African-American and Hispanic-American artists, thru 9/2 in Koshland Gallery; Paintings by Richmond Burton, thru 8/26 in Gallery 1; 3 channel video installation & 16mm film installation by Theresa Hak Kyung Cha, thru 9/9, on 9/5 Matrix Gallery & Pacific Film Archive present a screening of Cha's single channel videos, followed by series of presentations on her work. Speakers include feminist scholar Bell Hooks, art historian Moira Roth & PFA video curator Steve Seid. "Design for Independent Living," exhibit focusing on products designed for people with physical disabilities & elderly people; thru 9/9 in Gallery 2. University Art Museum, UC Berkeley. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 11 am-5 pm. Info: 642-1438.

At Ansel Adams Center: "Like a One-Eyed Cat: Photographs by Lee Friedlander, 1956-1987"; thru 9/30. "Yosemite: A Lifetime, Seven Decades of Photographs by Ansel Adams," thru 10/14. 250 Fourth St, SF. Info: 495-7000.

At SF Camerawork: "Contemporary Czechoslovak Photographers," A traveling exhibit; thru 8/18. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

At New Langton Arts: Video installations by Lutz Bacher, Nancy Blanchard, Jim Campbell & Ed de la Torre; thru 8/18. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Sat.

At Hatley Martin Gallery: "Environmental Crisis Alert," a public art mural series; runs thru thru 8/8; "New Works by Lothar Osterburg," mixed media, charcoal & acyrlic works on paper; "Zuzana Swansea: Photo-documentary Accidental Photographs & Phototiles,"; 8/16-9/27, opening reception 8/16, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 492-1015.

14 Womyn Artists Group Exhibit at Art Lick Gallery. Exhibit of primarily oil, acrylic & mixed-media paintings on paper & canvas; includes some oil-painted wax wall sculptures, color photo emulsions on linen, collages incorporating poetry, and furniture. Works by Signe Cook, Anita Eliot, Susan Lamantia, Nanette Love, Heidi Marks, Sarah Maxwell, Lee McGraw, Debbie Moore, Melinda Morey, Rudjen Roldan, Cindy Sassaman, Jayne Shor, Nancy Speir & Tessa Springer. Thru 8/12. 4147 19th St at Collingwood, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm; Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

"Finding Our Own Healing II" Artworks by people living with AIDS, ARC, HIV. Thru 8/12 at Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St, Berkeley. Hrs: by appt, Wed-Sat, 1-5 pm. Info: 486-8118.

"Beauty & the Beak: Women, Penguins, etc" paintings by Bradleigh Stockwell. "An exhibit of drama &

romantic fantasy" at Homantasy Erotic Arts Boutique, 199 Moulton St, SF (btwn Lombard & Greenwich, at Fillmore). Thru 8/10. Hrs: Tues-Sat 12:30-8 pm, Sun noon-6 pm.

"After the Fact," photographic installation by Connie Hatch. At Mills College Art Gallery. Exhibit 8/28-9/23, opening reception 9/12, 5-7 pm, artist's lecture 9/12 at 7:30 pm, Lucie Stern 100. 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sun 10 am-4 pm. Info: 430-2164.

"Beyond the Armory", works by 15 SF artists at the Clay Studio. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Info: 431-6296.

"Installations for the Home," Works by Michael Brown, Tim Collins & Reiko Goto, Lewis deSoto & Dale Kistemaker, Connie Harris, j e umamoto & Trudi Vetterlein; on exhibit 8/8-31. Opening reception 8/9, 5-8 pm, with incidental performance by j e umamoto; performances 8/11, 18, & 25, 2-4 pm, by j e umamoto. At Secession Gallery, 4301 20th St, SF. Info: 641-4967.

Elliot Linwood: recent black & white photos on exhibit thru 8/30 at Wasabi Sushi Art Bar, 553 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Mon 5-10:30 pm. Info: 346-3044.

One-Person Art Show by Elwood Miller. Acrylic paintings of the male nude. 8/1-13 at My Place, 1225 Folsom St, SF. Reception 8/1, 6:30-10 pm.

"Clothesline Obsession," color photos by Nancy King Daniels. On exhibit thru 8/10 at UC Berkeley Extension Ctr's Galleria, 55 Laguna St, SF. Info: 861-6833.

Printmaker's Gallery of work by members of Oregon Printmakers Studio, from Eugene, OR. Thru 8/12 at Printmaker's Gallery, 6253 California at 25th Ave, SF. Hrs: Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. Info: 386-9524.

"What Time It Is," an amazing show of neon clocks from the collection of Neon Neon Gallery & Sign Shop; as well as collectors Mitch Bell & Dan Driscoll. Thru 8/31. Neon Neon Gallery, 270 7th St, SF. Info: 552-4163.

"The Heart of the Homeless & Other Pieces," recent paintings & drawings by Iris Polos. On exhibit thru 8/22 at Nelson Morales Gallery, 1005 Market St, SF. Info: 255-1432.

"Homenaje A Ralph Maradiaga," a retrospective exhibit of the art & film work, curatorial contributions & community activism of Galeria de la Raza cofounder Ralph Maradiaga. Exhibit runs thru 8/11. Galeria de la Raza/Studio 24, 2857 24th St (at Bryant), SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-6 pm. Info: 826-8009.

"Cave Art/New Art," acrylic paintings by Warsaw, Poland artist Julius Kubacki. Thru 8/11. Sargent Johnson Gallery, Western Addition Cultural Ctr, 762 Fulton St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 1-6 pm. Info: 921-7976.

"The Painted Word," exhibit of work by artists who use language in their work. Exhibit includes work by Jamie Brunson, Squeak Carnwath, Wally Hedrick, Ingrid Maun, Evelyn Lam, Ed Ruscha, Darryl Sapien & Al Souza. Thru 9/2 at Richmond Art Ctr, Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: 620-6772.

ON STAGE

East by Steven Berkoff. 90 min of live music & vignettes from London's rougher East End. Industrial Strength production. Runs thru 8/31 at On-Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, plus late night show on Sat, 10:30 pm. Tix $12. Info/res: 434-1528.

A Name You Never Got by Ronda Slater. This, touching, funny, one-woman play about her reunion with the daughter she gave up for adoption returns to the Bay Area after five years on tour. Baby Bunny Productions. 8/9-11 at Marin Academy Theater, 5th & Cottage Sts, San Rafael. 8/17-18, 24-25 at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $15. Info/res: 654-5264.

Owls by Nature an absurd original comedy presented by Theatre Au Naturel. Opens 8/2, runs thru 8/25 at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info/res: 527-3123.

A Bio-Degradable Prophecy by John Beahm. Play journeys thru the life of the Baby, abandoned in a dumpster and subsequently "adopted" by a member of society's neglected homeless, the Outcast. A SF Grime Troupe production. Previews 8/2, opens 8/3, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 8/25. Third Street Parking Lot, Auto Park Inc (enter on 3rd St btwn Harrison & Bryant). Tix: $5-8 SL, any amount over $5 benefits local homeless & environment organizations. Info/res: 753-8817.

Rats, by Robert Alexander, Joan Holden, Andrea Snow & Ellen Callas. "A dream play for the 90's" produced by SF Mime Troupe. Tells the tale (tail) of a young Black visual artist on a mission who has lost her way in the 90's. When a giant rat sneaks into her apartment & steals her wallet with her rent money inside she follows him down his rat hole & finds herself on a comic/surreal nightmare tour of the Bush/Trump/Helms era, with lots of surprises. Play inaugurates SF Mime Troupe's 28th season of free shows in Bay Area parks, bring a picnic lunch & your friends/family to a park near you (call 285-1717 for complete schedule & updates, also see "Parents & Kids" section in Calendar for details).

Boys Life, by Howard Korder. Bitingly funny portrait of 1980's male urban behavior. Encore Theatre Co production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm (except 8/11 & 8/18, at 6 & 9:30 pm). Closes on 8/26 with a 3 pm matinee. Tix: $10 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. 450 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 567-6076.

Lysistrata by Arisophanes. Classic political comedy in which the wives of Athens present their husbands with the ultimatum of war or sex. Theater of the Blue Rose production. Runs 8/10-11, 17-19, 24-26 at 8:30 pm, with 3 pm matinee on 8/26. Tix: $4. Theater of the Blue Rose, 2525 8th St, Berkeley. Info/res: 540-5037.

Wonderful Casting, solo work by French comedic artist JM Maddeddu at Ft Mason's Cowell Theater, 8/8-11. 8:30 pm. Tix: $8 8/8 opening performance, $12 Wed & Thurs, $15 Fri & Sat. Pier 2, Ft Mason Ctr, Laguna & Marina, SF. Info: 552-3656.

Luv by Murray Schisgal. 1964 Broadway hit—a lively & occasionally dark look at the war of the sexes. Fellowship Theatre Guild production. Opens 8/24, runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm thru 9/29. Fellowship Church, 2041 Larkin St, off Broadway. Info/res: 441-4441.

East by Steven Berkoff. "Lyrically brilliant, erotically charged" play features vignettes & music hall songs from London's rought East End. Marc Bruno production. Opens 8/1 at 8 pm, runs Thurs & Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 8 & 10:30 pm thru 9/15. On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 434-1528.

A Widow's Guide to Auto Repair by Michael Lynch. Comedy confronts the issues of aging & love, greed & family. Horsedreamer Theatre production. Previews 8/9, opens 8/10, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 9/2. Tix: $7 preview, $25 gala opening, $12 Fri & SAt, $10 Sun. No performance 8/19. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Love Letters by AR Gurney. Broadway hit reopens at the Stage Door Theatre for a limited engagement (thru 8/12); with Stacy Keach & Diana Rigg thru 8/5, Ellen Burstyn & Cliff Robertson thru 8/12. Info/res: 433-9500.

Cabaret by Kander & Ebb. No-holds barred gaiety of Berlin brought to life in this unforgettable musical. Woodminster Amphitheater Producer Asociation's production. Fri-Sun 8/10-19 at Woodminister Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Rd, Oakl. Tix: $7-15. Info/res: 531-9597.

As You Like It by Shakespeare. Marin Shakespeare Company production of the romantic comedy. Runs 8/3-9/1, Thurs, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, at Forest Meadows Theatre, Dominican College campus, San Rafael. Tix: $6 on 8/3, 4, 9 & 10. Regular admission: $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. On 8/11, the "Feast to Good Will", an outdoor Elizabethan banquet will precede the performance, tix $50. Tix at BASS. Info/res: 456-1626.

Curse of the Werewolf by Ken Hill. Hilarious musical gothic thriller about an innocent English family vactioning in a werewolf-infested forest in Germany, in 1922. Theatre on the Square production. Tues-Thurs at 8:00 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30, Sat & Sun at 2:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm thru 9/2. Tix: $22-28, for info/res: 433-9500. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, floor 2M, SF.

Quilters by Barbara Damashek & Molly Newman. Broadway musical about frontier women who share their struggles & joys thru the artistry of their quilts. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs thru 8/25. Tix: $9-11. Info: 349-6411 voice/TDD. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl. Info: 420-8864.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 9 pm-1 am, daily. Call 668-2437 or 221-1716.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Bay Area Youth Positives (B.A.Y.+'s) Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. Mon, 6:30 pm at ACCEPT. 1287 11th Ave, SF. Info: Julie 681-2500. Scott 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Tues 7-9 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

BWMT/MACT AIDS Task Force deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color community. Info: 261-7922, 255-8378.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

The AIDS Screening Clinic at District Health Ctr #2, 1301 Pine St nr Ellis, SF. Call for appt: 621-4858.

ARC Drop-In Group for people with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Room 201. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men & women testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

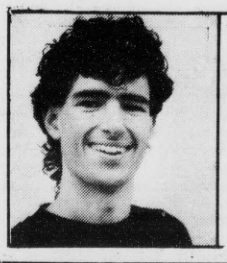
Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends. Info/res: 929-5204.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, ad-



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Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necessary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

The Ctr for Attitudinal Healing supplements traditional health care by providing an environment in which both adults & children may actively participate in healing of life-threatening illnesses. Free support groups are offered to people with AIDS & ARC, to their families & friends, & to the "worried well." Pre-reg required. Info: 435-5022.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+; and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, creative writing, nutrition class, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 574-6978.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Contra Costa County AIDS Interfaith Network. Info: 827-2960.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Quan Yin Herbal Program offers treatment for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ using traditional Chinese herbs selected for anti-viral & immune enhancing properties. Info: 861-4963.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local). (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV+ Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV+ Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

Hayward HIV+ & AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV+ people, their lovers, friends & families. Mon & Wed. Info: 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

HIV + Lesbians Support Group: spons by Iris Project. Call 864-2364 for info.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Caregivers Call-In: for health professionals & volunteers. Provides free telephone consulting on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Call 882-2411. Spons by the CareGivers Project.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC, & other AIDS related legal services; including Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic. 114 Sansome St. Ste 1103, SF 94104. Info: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

PWA/PWARC Switchboard: staffed by people with AIDS & ARC. Please call if you're in need of advice, looking for info, confused & anxious or depressed. We want to help. Staffed Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. At other times leave message. Info: 861-7309.

AIDS Support Group for people with AIDS, spons by St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF. Free. Info: Kevin Rist, MD 750-5815 or Daniel Ostrow 750-5733.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: transformative & healing weekends. No PWA or PWARC turned away for lack of funds. Info: Scott 821-4788.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

St Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: crisis intervention, ongoing counseling & support, emergency financial assistance, referrals. Project especially reaches out to out-of-town family members who may lack a local support system. Also speakers' bureau on AIDS prevention. Coordinator: Andy Rose 567-8860, 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $700/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Program.

Asian AIDS Project holds an information & referral drop-in group for Asians & Pacific Islanders with questions about AIDS & HIV. Mtgs conducted in English, Cantonese & Mandarin. Wed, 6-7 pm at the Project offices, 300 4th St, (corner of Folsom & 4th), Ste 401, SF. Info: Lori Lee or Kean Tan 227-0946.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: Kiki Ching, LCSW 558-2507.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

AIDS Information BBS: (415) 626-1246 24 hours. 2400/1200/300 baud. Sysop Ben Gardiner. Free, all welcome. Statistics from Atlanta & SF displayed, updated regularly. Sample Q & A about AIDS, based on clinic & phone exchange experience. Mail send/receive on AIDS only. Library of hard-to-find & out-of-print matter here for downloading from screen. Uploads by appt on another line. Voice phone: 626-1245. Calls to this BBS never disturb anyone.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

Move on AIDS trains caregivers to protect their own back as they help people with AIDS move effectively in and around their bed. 2½ hr wkshop teaches body mechanics, transfer skills, exercises to teach PWA/PWARCs. Info: 648-4045.

The Healing Space Group focuses on sharing of self in a safe, accepting environment. Utilize music, visualization, massage, attitudinal healing principles & other techniques to facilitate healing & sharing. Wed eves, 7-9 pm, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church ST (opposite Market St Safeway) SF. Info: Kit Langdon MS, CMT 239-8348.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

AIDS Healing Wkshop: well-established, free wkly discussion group built around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Focus on healing methods, techniques & alternatives. Open to anyone dealing with the AIDS virus. Thurs nights, 7-9 pm in USF campus ministry lounge, Golden Gate Ave btwn Masonic Parker, SF. Facilitated by Glenna Morea & Richard McCormack. Info: 567-7126.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

HIV + Social Group meets every 3rd Sat of the month. Diamond Heights condo, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 824-3370.

AIDS/ARC/HIV + Social Group for men. Meets Wed 6-9 pm in the Castro area. Info: Michael Smith 550-1957.

Postives Being Positive: peer support group for people who have tested positive to HIV. Ongoing, wkly mtgs in private homes. Spons by the AIDS Health Project. No fee. Info: 476-3902.

POW (Positive Opportunities for Wellness) Support Group for HIV+, ARC or AIDS wonderful people. Thurs 7:30-9:30 pm, free, donations accepted. Spiritual, mental & emotional sharing for self-healing in a friendly environment. Refreshments served. Spons by the Baird Institute. Info/res: Randy Shepard 285-3561.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Open daily, noon-10 pm at 544-A Castro St (across from Headlines). SF. Info: 255-8555.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Healing Circle (CSHC): supportive space for people on the path toward self-healing, who are dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV, recovery from addiction & other health issues, who seek greater self-understanding, peace & joy. Safe, loving atmosphere fosters exchange of ideas, health info, emotional support. Sun. Doors open at 7 pm, circle starts promptly at 7:30. Info: Greg Williams 673-7397.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Passive Immunotherapy (PATH): AIDS maintenance therapy in which plasma from health HIV+ donors is given to recipients with AIDS/ARC. For info about PATH write the PATH Project, Passive Immunotherapy Foundation, 1748 Market St, SF 94102 or call 626-8455.

Have Icky Virus Group for people whose needs are not met by "teddy bears, guilt-crazed helper-bees, magic rocks, and new age, blame-the-victim philosophies. Info: PO Box 31431, SF CA 94131 or call 695-1203.

Visual AID: Artists for AIDS Relief: call 391-9663 for info. 530 Bush St. Ste 403, SF 94108.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

PEN American Ctr Grant Fund provides assistance to writers & editors with AIDS: $500-$1000 grants. Writers do not have to be members of PEN, but must be published writers or produced playwrights, or editors. Writers will be asked to submit samples of their works, and editors, a professional curriculum vitae. Applications for grant money are reviewed every 6 weeks, small awards may be available more quickly. For info/application call (212) 334-1660; for donations send to: PEN AIDS Fund, PEN American Ctr, 568 Broadway, NY NY 10012.

Mental Health Grand Rounds spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project as a public service to the AIDS caregivers community. Monthly series educates professionals & others in various psychosocial issues related to the AIDS epidemic & HIV infection. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: 476-6430.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay/lesbian community. Info: 347-0473.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638). No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians working on recovery. Info: write Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA mtgs at San Antonio Community Development District House, 2228 East 15th St, Oakland. Sat 10:30 am. Info or to confirm time/mtg place, call 536-1715.

Alanon for Black Gay & Lesbian ACAs: Thurs 7:30 pm, Bethany United Methodist Church Social Hall, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper (enter on Clipper, 1st mtg on 5/10). Info: 995-2581.

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Group for Children of Color. Thurs 4-30-5:30 pm. Build self-esteem, learn to express feelings in safe environment. SL fee to $5. ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave at Irving, SF. Info: Mary Jayne 681-2500.

Youth Prevention/Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers: Thurs 6-7:30 pm, free. Family & individual counseling available. Info: ACCEPT 681-2500.

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Al-Anon for Gay Men and Women meets Tues, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Al-anon is made up of people who have been deeply affected by alcoholism in a family member, lover or friend. Info/list of SF Al-Anon mtgs: 626-5633

Lesbians & Gay Men Alanon Family Group meets 8 pm in the Library at Cathedral House, California at Taylor, SF. Nonsmoking. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm mtg place & time.

Adult Children of Alcoholics for Gay Men: Al-Anon Family Group meets Thurs, 8 pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-5633, call to confirm place & time.

ACA Gay/Lesbian 12 Step Mtg: Wed 8 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For info on this & other ACA mtgs: 931-2262.

Alanon for Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics meets 6:30 pm, Bethany Methodist Church, corner of Clipper & Sanchez, SF. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm place & time.

Friday Night Gay Men's Step Study Alanon Family Group Mtg: (open) 8 pm, 217 Church St, SF. Info: Call to confirm place & time 626-5633.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Overeaters Anonymous gay, lesbian, bisexual mtg (open to all). Sun eves 7-8:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Danvers & Caselli, SF.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Marijuana Anonymous: Fri 7:30 pm, MCC-SF 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Theology Anonymous: gay/lesbian former seminarians/clergy recovering from church indoctrination. Share experiences, support spiritual growth beyond old limits. Informal group/network. Info: 528-7760.

Women & Cults: support group for women who have left cults. Info: 530-9696 until 10:30 pm.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Marin Al-Anon for gay men & women: Wed 8:30 pm. Info: 924-3430.

Gay Men with Sexual Compulsive Behavior: wkly group lasting approx 9 months. Focus on concerns relating to sexually compulsive behavior. Mon 5:30-6:30 pm at Operaton Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. For info/intake appt call 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 239-0585.

Sexual Compulsivity: a group for lesbians. Gain a richer understanding & acceptance of sexual addiction issues. SF location. Info: SJ Kahn 532-8866, Nan Schlosberg 282-9831.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Caifornia collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF 94142.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 626-1132.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Contributions Sought for anthology on lesbians healing from loss of lover relationships by break-up or death. Stories should focus on recovery, but include background of situation leading to loss; feelings about loss; effect of loss on health, sexuality, work, children, finances, etc; and family support or non-support. Send copy (no originals) to Anita Pace, PO Box 57795, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413. Deadline: 9/1/90.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions relating to the experience of being gay. Women & people of color are particularly invited to submit. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 695-1203.

Submissions Sought by author Michael Nava, for inclusion in a new short story anthology to be pubished by Alyson Publications. Nava particularly welcomes submissions by Latino lesbians & gay men. Send SASE to Michael Nava, 7985 Snata Monica Blvd, *#109365, West Hollywood, CA 90046. Deadline: 9/1/90.*

St Sebastian Press, a nonprofit, nonreligiously aligned press, is accepting entries for its 1990 Anthology of gay & lesbian authors and illustrators. The anthology will be a collection of stories, poems, essays, illustrations & photos that encompass the theme of the quality of life of gays & lesbians in today's culture. Cash prizes ($1,500 and $100) offered for winning work in each of two categories, writing & illustration. Entries must be original & previously unpublished, and reflect the theme of the competition. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced. The illustration category includes any readily reproducible 2-dimensional format (drawing, photo, painting, printmaking, etc), send entries in 35m slide format). Send to St Sebastian Press, 714 Portland Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN, 55415. Deadline: 11/15/90.

6th Annual Film Arts Festival, to be held 11/1-4 at the Roxie in SF, welcomes submissions of films & video. Independent films & videos of any length & genre by Northern Calif artists are eligible. Format: 35mm, 16mm & Super-8 films, or ¾" videos (½" VHS tapes acceptable for preview). Festival is non-competitive, and selections are based on thematic programming (with separate themes for each program evolving from works submitted). Info: Robert Hawk, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, 94103; 552-0602.

1st Annual San Jose Student Film Video Festival (to be held 10/4-6) seeks diverse range of student work, including a variety of challenging issues & styles. Juried exhibition by Moving Images, a student collective of visual artists establishing Southbay venues for the visual arts. Send SASE, artist's statement; label all work. To: SJSU Fest c/o ASPB Student Union, rm 350, San Jose, CA 95192. Info: (408) 924-6263. Deadline: 9/1.

The Law Review of the University of West Los Angeles invites submissions of lead articles for its volume 22 to be published in early 1991. Issue will be devoted to any or all issues relating to the legal aspects of AIDS & HIV infection. Publication limited to those who possess a JD degree. The editors wish to provide a forum for issues that have been all but ignored by the majority of other legal publications. Articles that advocate a certain position or course of action in dealing with this epidemic are welcome. Info: Greg Holland, UWLA Law Review, 12201 Washington Place, LA, CA 90066 or (213) 313-1011 ext 229.

Diseased Pariah News begins publication this fall. DPN takes a mordant look at the HIV epidemic. This AIDS humor magazine seeks cranky, funny, insightful art & writing from infected people only, anonymous works are fine. If you're tired at laughing at yourself & would like to laugh at (and with) some new people, send submissions/contact Boxholder, PO Box 31431, SF CA 94131, or call 695-1203. "DPN is 100 percent HIV owned & operated."

► FUN & GAMES

SF Walking Tours: explore the waterfront by full moon, see the hidden gardens & stairways of Russian Hill, the murals of the Mission & embassies of Pacific Heights—free tours of SF neighborhoods by trained City Guides. For info or to arrange special group tours: 558-3981 Tues-Thurs 10 am-3 pm. Spons by Friends of the SF Public Library.

SF Friends of the Urban Forest Walking Tours: free tours thru 9 SF neighborhoods, designed to bring out relationship between the natural, historical & cultural of an area & its history, land development, architectural features, cultural influences & special events. Info: 543-5000. 512 2nd St, 4th fl, SF.

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Cruisin' the Castro from a historical perspective. Walking Tours of "our neighborhood." Entertaining & informative; includes vignettes illuminating aspects of gay history from 1849 to the present. A source of gay pride. Reservations required. Info: Trevor Hailey 550-8110.

Free Tours of Golden Gate Park: walking tours with guides from Friends of Recreation & Parks, every wkend thru October. Tours last about 1½ hrs & are given rain or shine. Learn about the history & plant life of Strawberry Hill, Conservatory Valley & the other scenic areas which make Golden Gate Park so unique. Info/res: 221-1311.

► HEALTH

Women's Clinic at District Health Ctr#1 provides medical screening for cancer of the breast, thyroid & cervix, and STDs. Confidential. SL. 3850 17th St, SF. Info: 558-3905.

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV on Tues & Fri afternoon, spons Chinese Herbal Treatment Program for HIV and fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 2480 Mission nr 21st St, SF. Info/appt: 641-0220.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Mon 7-9 pm. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in. Support Groups: Drop-in Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wed of month, 6:30-8 pm; for women who have had cancer, facilitated by cancer survivors. Post-Treatment Women's Support Group: Mon; for women who have gone thru the initial crisis & have already completed their prescribed treatment, call to reserve space. Family & Friends of Women with Cancer group—1st & 3rd Thurs, 7:30-9 pm; meet men & women who are providing support to women with cancer. Spouses, lovers, friends, daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, & work colleagues are welcome; please call before coming to group. Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Friends of Lesbians with Cancer—every other Mon, 7:30-9 pm; focus on issues specific to lesbian health & illness. Group for Women with Recurrent Metastatic or ongoing Cancer—Fri; share experience of living with a life-changing illness; call ctr for info. Guided Imagery for Women with Cancer—group meets Sun. Teaches relaxation techniques to reduce fear, create healing visualization, access inner sources of support: call ctr for info. 3023

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Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Robert Louie Cancer Support Group of SF provides social & emotional support to children with cancer, their parents & siblings. Info: 775-5921.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

► HOBBIES

GMUG the Gay Macintosh Users Group, meets on 3rd Wed of each month, 7:30 pm. For info/location: 552-GMUG. Lesbian & gay Macintosh users are welcome to attend. GMUG also offers a computer skills bank to nonprofit groups working in the AIDS/ARC field.

PC Exchange: computer networking for buyers & sellers of clones. Info: 221-9779.

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518, Dano 641-5751.

Women's Reading Group: Discover the joy of discussing books by and about women. Monthly mtgs. For info/location call Ilene 221-2361 or Barbara 362-9651.

Women's Reading Group: not limited to "women's lit." Everything from Chaucer to modern, classics to schlock—the upbeat, downbeat, offbeat, onbeat. Info: Loie 552-4579.

Heliotrope, Sonoma County Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets to discuss novels. For info/location: Michael (707) 577-0551.

Discussion Group: variety of topics. Meets Sun at 7 pm. Info/location: 626-1468.

What Is Community? Wkly group meets to read & discuss theories of community. Info: June & Donna 834-1044. Eastbay location.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call Michael (415) 826-2515 or Henrietta (408) 246-1117.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, Bay Area chapter, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning about the hobby & group call Bill 821-2666.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.

Gay Group Massage: small, informal gathering for giving & receiving massage in a safe, warm, fun setting. All levels welcome. For gay men under 50 years old. Send SASE with name & phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF 94159.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly. Info/location: Larry 647-0637.

Lesbian Figure Drawing/Painting Group meets every other Thursday, 7:30-10 pm. Info/location: 532-2803.

Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MCVE.

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project provides direct services for male victims of domestic violence. 24-hr report hotline. Spons by CUAV. Call 864-7233 for help.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Info, referral, peer counseling. Info: 386-GAYS or POB 846, SF 94101.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.

AIDS & ARC Switchboard: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm; 861-7309.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

Marin AIDS Services Network (MASN) 24-hour info line: 457-AIDS.

CareGivers Call-In: free telephone consultation on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. For health professionals & volunteers. Call 882-2411 Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Spons by The CareGivers Project.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Southbay Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling. (408)293-4525, (408) 293-AGAY

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers medical, dental, counseling & housing support services. For info call switchboard 548-2570.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers special clinics: gen'l rights counseling Mon 6:30-8:30 pm in the Haight, 1833 Page, SF. Downtown (660 California St) clinic specializes in evictions, Rent Board procedures & leases; Thurs 5:30-8:30 pm. Info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or needs services in exchange for housing? Options Homeshare counselors fulfill housing needs by matching seniors with seniors or younger persons with seniors. Women & men welcome. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info: 552-4549.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Spanish/English Employment Services for midlife & older women. Spons by Options for Women Over 40, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-6405.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau spons by GAYLESTA (Gay/Lesbian Mental Health Therapists of the Bay Area). Offers educational speakers & videotapes. Info: Judy Schavrien 648-1318.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Incest Survivors Anonymous: We are no longer alone, we have each other. Incest Survivors Anonymous is a 12-step program that enables incest survivors to break out of the victim role & the nightmare of terror, guilt & confusion. Closed mtg for survivors & pro-survivors. Original perpetrators of incest or rape or victims who later became initiators do not attend ISA mtgs. Initiation is determined by intent. Mtgs for women & men: Sun 7-8:30 pm; Mon, Tues & Thurs 7:30-9 pm. For women: Wed 7:30 pm, Sat at 11 am. For locations & other info call 359-2070 anytime.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batters, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:45 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Counseling for Battered Gay Men: Is the hand that holds you in public the hand that strikes you in private? CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers free individual counseling & support groups for you. Call 864-3112, or 864-7233 (24-hr hotline). Call us, we can help.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Women's Jobs Program spons by Rosalie House. Offers vocational services for all low-income women. Designed for women who are currently or formerly battered, and women at risk of battering. Includes resume-writing & job placement. Free. Info: Yvette 863-2160.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 821-9241. Newcomers welcome!

A Different Breed: social group for families with dual, single or multiple parents who identify outside the mainstream (biseuxal, lesbian, gay, transsexual, etc) meets monthly. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Single Lesbians Parenting Group: a social group for single lesbians who are considering, planning or actively parenting. Info: write 2370 Market ST#119, SF 94114 or call 641-5324, 3-10 pm, M-F, 10 am-10 pm Sat & Sun.

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 893-1953, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Lesbian Non-custodial Mothers Group, write Cricket, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119 for info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, links the adoption reform movement with the lesbian, gay, feminist & progressive communities. SL sub, $7-15 per year, contact Jan Baer, PO Box 8081, Berkeley CA 94707 for info. Letters & articles are also welcome.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," & "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," groups. Call Lyon-Martin 641-0220 for info.

East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.

Journey into Motherhood: journal wkshop for lesbians who are pregnant or are new mothers. Use language to focus on the birth process, mothering, the many dimensions of ourselves, new lives we are creating. Info: author/creative writing teacher Leslie Kirk Campbell 285-1926.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have HIV-infected family members. Info: Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together gathering every Sat, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 931-BWMT.

Men of All Colors Together, Greater Bay Area: gay interracial organization that supports all relationships & cultural uniqueness. Social, political & cultural awareness programs & events. Info: Lee 261-7922

Interracial Relationship Social MixersWkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly, 7-10 pm, $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; 548-8283.

Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.

Multicultural Lesbian Writers Group: call 995-2730 for details.

Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.

Gay Feminist Women of Color Group meets at Billy DeFrank Community Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Enjoy social & community activities, cultural exchanges, meeting new friends. Info: Rose (408) 298-5742.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group: Eastbay. Monthly (Sat) social gathering. Non-latins welcome. Info: 530-3473.

Pacific Friends: group for mtg Asians & friends of Asians in an informal, social atmosphere. Group practices equal participation, encourages all members to take an active role. For info on potlucks & other events: Jim 587-2645.

Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Topics include: growing up gay & Asian, coming out to family & friends, racial & sexual stereotyping, relationships with other men, safe sexual practices, developing healthy self-images; and other topics chosen by the group. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: Donald Masuda 387-0466.

Asian Pacific Sisters: an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women; APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & other events. For upcoming business/social events call Lori 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!

Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual & Korean? Come to monthly, informal get-togethers. Conducted primarily in English, with some bilingual participants. Info: Lori 563-8689.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA/ACA mtgs in the EB & SF—see Addiction Recovery.

Black Gays & Lesbians ACA Group: see Addiction Recovery.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.

Wry Crips/Disabled Women's Theater Arts. Created & managed by women who have physical, emotional, developmental; multiple & hidden disabilities/chronic illness. Submission of poetry, prose & stories about women living with disability/chronic illness, and those who love them, is accepted on an onging basis. Women of color of all ages are especially welcome. Performers, production people & care assistants or board members are welcome. Info/details: 601-5819, or write PO Box 21474, Oakl 94620.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP) offers art events & activities to boost positive morale during the epidemic. Also sponsors monthly art hikes to galleries, museums & artists' studios. Group is sponsoring upcoming 'Art & Self-Healing: Living Well with the Epidemic—an AIDS/ARC/HIV Art Show", call Brian Schaerer 661-8119 for exhibition schedule. Art Hikes schedule: Phil Valdez 753-2331.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & May. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Nan Washburn, artistic director & associate conductor of BAWP. Info: 543-2297.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band: performs music from classical to swing, marching to showtunes, full band to duets; at various community events, private parties, etc. Info: 558-9693 or write: BAGAL Band, PO Box 280571, SF 94128-0571.

SF Band Foundation spons City Swing, Vocal Minority, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, Flag Corps, Twirling Corps, SF Tap Troupe & Outlook Video. Most groups meet at Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble rehearses Tues 7:30-10 pm, in SF. Women who read music, especially women of color, are encouraged to audition. For info call 773-9181. Group is available for performances.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsals: Thurs 7:30-10 pm nr Church/Market in SF. For details call Pat Parr 621-3088.

Artists Access to Activism: perform with the homeless at Civic Ctr (Tenement Square) in front of City Hall. Spons by Food Not Bombs. Tuesdays, noon-4 pm. Info: Tom 641-7378.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.

Ragtime Music Society: club dedicated to promoting ragtime music & friendship among those who appreciate it. Info: Bill Pike 552-4270.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACAOR), a coalition of groups & individuals committed to defending women's reproductive rights & access to abortion services during "Operaton Rescue" blockades by providing clinic defense & escorts when needed. Info: 626-5510.

Alliance to Stop Abusive Police (ASAP): coalition of political, legal, & community groups & individuals seeking to stop unchecked police abuse. Meets every other Mon at 7 pm at 1663 Mission St, SF. Room 460. Info: write Box 79, 2370 Market St, SF 94114 or call 267-3035.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 2370 Market St, Box

38, SF 94114. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.

Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI), an activist & educational group fighting for lesbian & gay liberation. Primary area of work is against US involvement in El Salvador, Nicarauga & Central America, as well as solidarity work with lesbian & gay liberation groups in Latin America. For more info/mtg schedule call 821-9087 or 346-0647.

ACT UP/SF meets every Thurs, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for upcoming demos & other info.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Alice B Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets every 2nd Mon of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-3296.

Lesbian Separatist Discussion Group: tired of felling like you're the only lesbian separatist in town? This group's for you! Group meets every 3 wks, lesbian seps only. For info/location: 824-0456.

Sonia Johnson Discussion Group: women exploring—through discussion & otherwise—a new world. SF, Marin, & Eastbay mtgs. Info: Chris 261-9053, Marjorie 652-0185.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Weekly Vigil to protest the ever-present violence towards women. Every Tues, noon-1 pm. Gather SE corner of Stockton & Geary, SF. Wear black and purple. Info: Laura 626-7821 (SF), Ruth 644-0480 (EB), or just show up.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Bay Area Career Women (BACW): a professional organization for lesbians. Provides networking opportunities, social support & education thru newsletter, forums, seminars, informal gatherings & social events. Info: 495-5393.

BACW Marin, Local Area Network of BACW, offers various groups & activities: Walking & Dining Group—meets monthly for an evening walk, followed by potluck dinner, call Lin 383-5345 for info; Theater Going Group—goes to the Marin Theater Co Thurs night previews in Mill Valley, call Elizabeth 338-4784 for details; Planning Mtgs—help plan BACW Marin County events, call Julie 924-2529.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) meets 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm, 655 14th St, SF. To confirm location & for other call Barbara 285-5078.

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Peninsula Business & Professional Association: gay/lesbian group meets 4th Tues of the month at Mercury Savings & Loan Community Room, 99 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (across from Stanford Park Hotel, north of Stanford Shopping Ctr). 7-8 pm get acquainted hour, 8-9 pm program, 9-10 pm social.

Southbay BANGLE meets every 2nd Wed, of month, 7-9 pm at De Frank Community Ctr in San Jose. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

GAYLESTA, organization of gay & lesbian psychotherapists. Networking, ongoing educational & professional functions. Info: Jan 474-9985, Bud 255-7346.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 695-9174.

Self-Employed Lesbians & Gays (SELG): networking, support, informal get-togethers & more. Info: Harry 221-9779.

Differently-Employed Women: network for women dedicated to creating sane, joyful & abundant livelihood. For newsletter, mtg schedule or other info call Tori Bogart 750-0946 or Susan Summerfield 648-2908.

► SENIORS

Tea Dance & Social for older lesbians (60 & over) and friends. Enjoy refreshments in a beautiful garden. Last Sun of each month., call GLOE for exact time. Francis of Assissi, 145 Guerrero St nr Market, SF. Bring refreshments to share, donations appreciated. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Men's Brunch for older gay men (60+) & friends. Noon-3 pm, 2nd Sun of each month. St Francis of Assisi Community Ctr, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by GLOE. Info: 626-7000.

"Discovery" Group for Men (60+). Led by George Birmisa, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE. Call 626-7000 for info.

Writers Workshop for Lesbians & Gay Men (50+) spons by GLOE. Every Wed, 6-8 pm, at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or need services in exchange for housing? See hotlines & referrals.

Women Over 50 Support Group: see Support Groups.

Older Women's Rap Group (50+), Peninsula Chapter, meets 2nd Sat of each month at 4 pm, Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 711 Nevada St, Redwood City. Info: Mary K 364-6970.

Older Lesbians of the South Bay (50+) meet every 3rd Sun at 3 pm at Los Gatos Neighborhood Ctr, room 214, Main St, Los Gatos. Casual atmosphere, singles or couples welcome. Info: Two Sisters Bookshop 323-4778.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

The Golden Gate Connection: a social club for chubbies & chasers. Ongoing activities, monthly parties, newsletter & more. Info 334-5971 or write GGC, PO Box 2328, Daly City, 94017.

Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once monthly in the S. Bay for a potluck. Open to all women who want to make new contacts & renew old ones. Info: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.

Grupo Sociocultural Hispano, gay & lesbian Spanish social club, meets 2nd Fri or Sat each month. Bring snack or beverage to share. Everyone expected to speak in Spanish. Native speakers & beginners welcome. Info: Patricia 673-4684, Phil 285-0719.

Der Deutsche Freundschatkreis hat seinen naechsten Potluckparty am dritten Freitag dieses Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse daran haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Rufe Don unter 329-1438 an. Bis bald!

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UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $15. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Tues at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

BiFriendly East Bay (BFEB): bisexual men's & women's social group meets every other Tues for dinner & conversation at La Pena Cultural Ctr in Berkeley. Info: Susan 524-0574.

BiFriendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz 857-1044.

BiFriendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Michael (707) 539-2569.

Lavendar Hill Mob: a social club for married men, bisexuals & masculine gay guys. Info: 369-1610 or write David, PO Box 610055, Redwood City, CA 94061.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX): an organization for gay men, offering social, athletic, philantrophic, cultural & travel activities. Info: Tim Bause, MAX, 564 Mission St, SF, Ste 127, 94105.

What You Got Cooking? Group of nonsmokers gather at various Bay Area loications for a potluck brunch—lots of good food & conversation. For info/location call 731-9931.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of every month in Yountville. Come socialize, meet new friends, network, check bulletin board. Info: Cassandra (707) 944-8081.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.

Berkeley Flats Lesbians: come to potluck brunch, meet your neighbors! South Berkeley location. Info: Leslie 420-0525.

North Oakland Lesbians: potlucks, networking, etc. Info: 655-1408, 655-2837.

Alameda Neighborhood Lesbians Group: meet other women who live in Alameda, for movies, biking, walks, get-togethers, etc. Come find out who your neighbors are! Info: 865-7811.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: Aimee 465-5126.

Pacific Friends: an informal social group for Asians & friends of Asians, see People of Color.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

Left Brain Lesbians: a social club for the shamelessly inquisitive. Contact Susan 334-1828 for info.

Brainy-Artsy Gals: for relationship-oriented single women in the arts or interested in the arts, and looking for like-minded friends. Parties/events. Call 824-4401.

Momcats Social Group for folks who are the parents of one or more furry felines. Share the joys & concerns unique to having an intimate relationship with a cat. Info: 992-3383.

Women—Leather & Lingerie or flannel & denim, stockings & silk, high heels & boots... If textiles are a "turn-on," shoes are sexy, this group's for you. Come socialize, shop, share resources. Info: OUTFITS 992-3383.

Theatre Women: group goes on monthly theatre trip. Performance decided upon by group. Women interested in the theater are welcome. Info: Shannon 588-1850.

Gay Voyagers: social club for gay men interested in foreign travel. Meets 3rd Sun of each month, 4-6 pm, corner of Caselli & Danvers Sts (in the Castro), SF. Info: Dick 562-8634

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.

Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, EB location. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 653-8745, 531-5465.

Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moon to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

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St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: group provides a supportive community for gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets third Sun of each month. Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join confidential mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.

Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns-SF: a supportive community of gay & non-gay Presbyterians who worship together: 5 pm 2nd Sun of month at (starting Jan) Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St nr 24th, SF. Also "Claiming Our Bible" study group, every 3rd Mon in Oakl; plus social activities & retreats. PL/GC works to educate & transform the church into a more loving & inclusive place. Info: Dick 338-7396, 268-9534 or Susan 282-3842.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:30 & 7 pm, 48 Belcher St, SF. Info: 626-6300.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. 8 Olive St off Throckmorton at the Community Church in Mill Valley. Info: 388-2315.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor JI Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Charistmatic Fellowship: support group for gay/lesbian charismatics/pentecostals in SF. Bible Study Fri 7:30 pm. For those tired of "straight" churches that reject because of sexual orientation & "gay" churches that deny the power & gifts of the Holy Spirit. Info: Rev Michael Arbuckle 921-3207.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Carlos meets 5 pm at Community United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo St, San Carlos. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians & non-gay people. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 am & 6 pm, Mon-Fri. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: ministry of the Episcopal Church in the lesbian & gay community. Programs include: prison ministry, parish outreach, newsletter ($10 per year), personal growth training classe, bible study & more. Info: 552-2909.

Religous Society of Friends (Quakers) Mtg for Worship: Sun, 11 am at 2160 Lake St at 23rd, SF. Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds monthly potluck, discussion & worship on the 4th Sun of every month, all are welcome. Info: Mary McCurry 738-2571.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men , bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

SpiritSeed: ecumenical church-community. Rooted in Christian wisdom and mystics; open to truth in all traditions. Emphasis on the Spirit in all creation, inner divinity, and path of love. Creative Eucharist celebrations, inclusive imagery, music, dance, meditation. Info: 528-7760.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Eastern Orthodox Holy Ascension Mission: divine liturgy Sun 10 am; vigil Sat 6:30 pm. Counseling, sick calls, funerals available. Monthly healing service. Chapel at 1671 Golden Gate #2, SF. Info: 563-8514.

Radical Faeries: an eclectic group of gay male witches, wizards, shamans, gypsies, sissies, hippies, Deadheads, pagans, anarchists, magicians, astrologers, you name it; who all share a common love for Mother Earth & celebrate gay male mysteries. Wkly Faerie circles meet Thurs eves at 8 pm, bring instruments & energy! 24-hr info line (Tele-Faerie): SF—(415) 626-3369, Santa Cruz—(408) 427-4545.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 834-8135. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

Tayu Fellowship: a Fourth Way spiritual school. Sponsors study group—1st & 3rd Wed of month, 7:30 pm, 2524 Highgate Dr, Richmond, drop-in intro class includes yoga, relational meditation, etc. Also Tayu Yoga & Meditation on Sundays in Sebastopol. For info/directions call (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Concord Spirituality Group: rap/social for lesbians & gays exploring issues of spirituality, relationships & sexuality. Alternate Wed mtgs, 7-8 pm. Info: Infinity Store 827-4345.

California Miracles Ctr: dedicated to the study of "A Course in Miracles." Sun morning service at 9:30 am (all welcome). Principles of Healing Study Group: Sun at 9:30 pm (all welcome). For "A Course in Miracles" class mtgs & other info call 621-2556. 2269 Market St at 16th, SF.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.

White Light Ministries, a metaphysical, interfaith spiritual organization, meets for Sunday celebrations the first 3 Sundays of each month at 11 am at the Oakland Jewish Community Ctr auditorium, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakl; in an atmosphere of love & unconditional acceptance. Barrier-free acess for the differently-abled. Info: 521-1485.

► SPORTS

SF Track & Field : Practice sessions: Tues & Thurs eves at 6 pm, Sun at 10:30 am. All ages & levels of ability welcome! Info: Rick 626-8784.

SF Water Polo practices Thurs eves, 6:30-8:30 pm & Sun mornings 9-10:30 am at Coffman Pool, corner of Vistacion & Hahn, SF. Men & women of all ability levels welcome! Info: John 621-0783.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Rod 621-2213.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Wilderness Women offer monthly excursions for women. Day hikes & longer trips. Info: Wilderness Women, 5329 Manila Ave, Oakland CA 94618.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721 for details.

Gay Tennis Federation: lesbian & gay tennis club. All levels of play welcome. Monthly mtg 7:30 pm, 3rd Mon of each month at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Info: Tom Kelly 552-9595 or write: GTF, 2215-R Market St, Ste 109, SF CA 94114.

BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program provides & promotes recreation, sports & fitness by & for physically disabled people: wilderness trips, wheelchair sports (sponsor of the local women's wheelchair basketball team—the Bay Area Meteorites), children & youth programs, older adults program. Info: 849-4663 voice/TDD.

Out of Bounds Golfing Club provides support & golf outings, encouragement & companionship to gay men & lesbians of all abilities who enjy golf. Info: 647-3687.

Gay Golfing Group: All levels of expertise welcome. Play wkdays & wkends. Info: 821-4741 days, ask for Wayne.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing Club: get out on the Bay for learning, fun, mtg others & going places. Not-for-profit group, primarily for those without boats. Novice to advanced levels welcome. Info: Bruce 995-2642.

Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) is a lesbian boating club open to all SF Bay Area women actively engaged in boating. Sailing trips, picnics, brunches, skill-building classes & more. Info: write to BAWATH, c/o Natalie Zarchin, PO Box 3343, Oakland, CA 94609.

Different Spokes, SF: gay & lesbian weekend recreational rides & touring, for all levels. Call 282-1647 for weekly ride, bi-monthly mtg, & social events info.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Lesbian Motorcyle Group: social riding club. Come see the sights with other lesbians, keep the wind on your face. Info: 532-8836.

Women, Motorcycles & Coffee: group for women motorcyclists & coffee lovers. Meet Sat 9 am-noon at Cafe Flore, Market/Noe, SF. Good company, food, drink. Meet new riding partners. Info: 826-6011.

Dyke Divers offers newsletter, networking for lesbian scuba divers. For info write PO Box 460096, SF 94146.

Southbay Gay & Lesbian Volleyball League. Call (408) 534-1239 for mtg times & other info.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Club. Flexible swimmer program for the recreational or competitive swimmer. Program offers workouts for all skill levels with an on-deck coach 4 times per week. Info: Johnny Bonck 626-0561.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 841-5242 for info.

Bay Area She-Hawks Women's Rugby Club invites interested women of all skill levels to join a fun, competetive team. Info: (415) 386-1049 or (408) 736-2894.

SF Women's Flag Football League: meets Sun at 11 am & 1 pm (excluding major holiays), at either Louis Sutter Field or the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park, SF. For location & other info: Michelle Brodie 563-4722.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Rap Group for Gay/Bisexual Men at Pacific Ctr, Mon 7:45pm & Tues 8pm. Followed by coffee & social hour for Gay/Bi men. Men welcome to attend either/both activities. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bisexual Women's Rap: you don't need to be bisexual but you MUST be female & willing to discuss bisexuality & related issues. WA & SIGN. Wed, 8-9:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Feminist Bisexual Women's Support Group: discussion & support for bisexual women who come from, but feel a little out of place in both the straight & lesbian communities. Mtg every other Sun afternoon in SF. Not a therapy group. Info 626-3910.

Eastbay Feminist Bisexual Support Group: informal, accepting discussions & support. Not a therapy group. Meets 2nd & 4th Sun of each month. Info: Suzanne 845-6855.

Bisexual Women's Group/Peninsula South Bay: social & discussio group for bisexual women, and women interested in exploring bisexuality. 1st & 3rd Suns of each month, 7:30 pm at Palo Alto Unitarian Church, 505 East Charleston, Rm#6 (nr Middlefield). Info: Liz 857-1044.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Visibility, education, pride. For newsletter, send $2 to NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114. Info: 775-1990.

Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Gay Men's Support Group meets 8-9:30 pm at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, room 18, San Anselmo. Spons by Ministry of Light. Info: 457-0854 or 457-1115.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Theology Anonymous Group: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Married Gay & Bi Men's Rap Group meets Wed at 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in. Info: 841-6224.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Gay Men's Support Group in Fairfield. Raps & socials, Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info: (707) 448-1010 or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Foster Children: support group for women who grew up in foster homes. For info call 359-5279.

Fat Dykes Support/Social Group: meets twice monthly, once for potluck, once for discussion. Info: 569-5177, leave name, number, bit of info.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather: this group is for you! Call 654-1591 or write: POB 20365 Oakland 94620.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. 2nd Thurs of each month. 8 pm. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather? Call: 654-1591 or write POB 20365 Oakl, 94611.

S/M Lesbian Support/Discussion group. No perfumes or scents. Info/location: 668-4622.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: 654-1591 Eastbay.

Leather S/M Support Group meets Mon 7:30-10 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Open discussion group, with topics. Women & men welcome. Donation requested. Info: Gordon Jones 621-6786.

Society of Janus: educational, support & social club for those interested in consensual, safe, non-exploitative s/m. Open to women & men; straight, bisexual, lesbian & gay. Info: send SASE to Society of Janus, Dept CU, PO Box 6794, SF CA 94101 or call 848-0452.

Oakland/East Bay Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG) holds support groups for parents, relatives & friends of lesbian & gay people. Info: Betty McCall 547-4657.

Berkeley PFLAG: 1st Wed of each month. Info: Ann 486-0534.

SF PFLAG: 2nd Sun each month, 2 pm. Info: Mary 928-2748.

Mid-Peninsula PFLAG meets 3rd Thurs of each month. Info: Verda 854-0142.

Diablo Valley PFLAG meets every 3rd Tues, info: POB 2174, Martinez, 94553 or call 372-9014.

Southbay PFLAG meets 2nd Wed of each month, San Jose location. Info: Nancy (408) 270-8182.

Marin PFLAG: welcomes & supports parents, spouses, siblings, friends & lesbians & gays to its mtgs. 2nd Wed of every month. Info: 479-3535.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

East Bay Lesbian Rap: fun, relaxed atmosphere—come make new friends! Tues, 8-9:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.

Working Class Dykes Writing Group: meets every other week. Write, read together, give support. You don't have to be published to join. Info: 569-5177, leave message.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Christian Women's Support Group, see Spirituality.

Bay Area Sicilian & Italian Lesbians (BASIL): una famiglia di donne meets monthly to provide support & address the cultural & political concerns of Italian American & Sicilian American lesbians, and the difficulties of resisting assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta fix, call Janet 654-3531 (Oakl) or Marisa 731-9302 (SF).

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Coming Out Group for Women in the Eastbay. Women of all ages welcome. Info: 521-1383 (leave message).

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Group for Women in SF. Support/social. Women of all ages welcome. Info: Carol 431-6374 (leave message).

Dyslexic Dykes Support Group: meets every other week. Info: 569-5177, leave best times to call, some info about self.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Gay Men's Sexual Phobia Group: explore our chronic sexual phobias & dysfunctins. Focus on impotence & incest. For gay men under 40 years old. SF location. Info: write Sex Group, 584 Castro St, Ste 275, SF 94114-2588.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.

The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 861-2385.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

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Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Sexual Compulsive Group for gay men: an ongoing psychotherapy group for gay men whose sexual behavior is out of control. Monday eves at Operation Concern, SF. Info: Jim Fishman 626-7000.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Gay Men's Groups at Operation Concern: new 12-wk process group starts each month. Safe place to develop your interpersonal relating skills. Preliminary interview required. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.

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BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

To DV8

Bambi

Recently I was coerced into an impromptu S.F. club crawl that started with some friends one night and casually continued for a stretch of several days. Both on my own or with a pal or two, I've visited several old haunts that I've frequented less and less since the birth of the Post-Stonewall body-manipulating, tattoo-crazy, sex-mad, drag-friendly, strap-on and ACT UP-prone night-club nation nurtured by Clubs Chaos, Screw and Uranus. You've read all about this subculture recently in one of the other gay papers. Yes indeed, it's one of the most colorful and defined scenes S.F. has witnessed since the '70s. And what exactly was that decade's scene? Bare-chested dancing at the Troc to Alicia Bridges with a bottle of poppers near the nose? Is that it? I don't mean any disrespect, but some people feel that when something as nefarious as a club scene is slapped with a definition, it could in a certain sense be over. I'm not worried, but on my club crawl I witnessed a scene that I really wish was over. It's called DV8.

I went to DV8 on the premise of meeting a writer from *Egg Magazine* who had called me for information that week. There was to be a special party in a new exclusive area of the mammoth sub-freeway club called the Pleasure Zone. We traipsed through the upstairs, the downstairs, Club Privé (ooooh, are we important yet?) and the little anteroom off Club Privé filled with people who belonged on Imelda Marcos' Christmas card list staring out the fishbowl-like windows at the "little people" dancing on the peoples' dance floor. I whined to my friends, "Let's find this fucking party so we can leave this hellhole of social stratification." My companions agreed wholeheartedly. We found the elevator that took us to the Pleasure Zone, but were promptly informed by the elevator man that the writer we wanted to meet wasn't up there. He hadn't returned from The Scavenger Hunt yet. This put me in mind of the old film *My Man Godfrey* in which rich socialites during the Depression would stage giant scavenger hunts for fun, looking for live racehorses, or a forgetten, smelly man from the Bowery, or something. Yuck.

We took the elevator up and I promptly found the men's room. Standing by the sinks waiting for my friends, a man and his girlfriend walked in like royalty, demanding a free stall. I was putting on eyeliner. The girl said, "He's putting on eyeliner!" I responded, "Princess Marcella Borghese eyeliner...and I did a better job. Look at your dress." We then waltzed into: The Zone. Hatred oozed from my every pore as I watched men in suits play pool, looking like high stakes were at hand while star-fucking wannabes crowded around a balding Nicholas Cage. I wished I could throw up on cue. When I reached the Nintendo lounge (yes, there is such a thing!), I was nearly screaming, "These people are tired. Can we please leave now?" We got our own elevator down, and the most fun I had there that night was jumping up and down as it descended. Never again.

The next night I went to the Paradise Lounge to see the ever lovable Connie Champagne and Her Tiny Bubbles, who were supposed to go on at 10:30 but didn't make it on until midnight. In the meantime, my boyfriend and I held a table, taking turns to run upstairs and watch a particularly body-conscious stud shoot pool. The Paradise staff are as friendly as I remember, and the clientele as silly as the Bay Bridge can turn loose on a city, but Connie Champagne was at her witty, acerbic best, with a voice that plucks the strings of my heart.

After that I popped into the DNA Lounge, easily SOMA's friendliest club. The perfect doormen great you with a smile, as does the lovely bartender, Kim, while the club proprietor Brian Raffi mills about with pride and concern for his clientele, as it should be. I've always been impressed by DNA's gay-positive, gay-friendly existence as a basically hetero club. All the Smutfests and drag acts they've featured over the years stand as testament to their openness and basic concern for rights of expression by all humans. The same club that featured a filmed blow job performed by Phil Ford in his Elvis drag may soon be the only club who will touch 2 Live Crew when they hit town, if the law permits. Political correctness and a VIP lounge that just anyone can usually stroll into make for one of S.F.'s finest clubs. However, I asked three different girls to dance with me while I was there and they all said no. Maybe I'm not so fucking suave.

The following night I surprised myself and mustered up the faculties to hit Uranus around midnight. There was a long line... again. I waited with the budding transsexual rock star Bambi Lake, a Popstitute or two, and a reluctant Nancy Kravitz, who I forced to come out with me. We waited patiently, and I only occasionally brayed, "Don't they know who we are?" Of course I was just kidding, but Bambi was in heels.

Once inside, I spotted the ever-lovely Danielle Willis, sex-worker at the Century Theatre, a classic looker in the rock 'n' roll babe vein, and a poet/writer of remarkable vision. She also bears the dubious honor of kicking Artie Mitchell's ass, one of the famed Mitchell Brothers porn kings. She was selling copies of her latest work, a book on Zeitgeist Press called *Dogs In Lingerie.* Her book made for a terrific, inspirational read before turning in that night and has held its intensity upon reinspection. It's exciting stuff. Whenever I close the book the word genius comes to mind with little or no hesitation, and I think of about a dozen people I know who have to get a copy. Its importance is too difficult to explain—you just have to see it.

I reserved one night for beauty, then found myself stopping at The Klubstitute after work on Tuesday night, where I caught the best set ever by Bambi and The Exterminating Angel. Her lineup featured a new female guitarist ("She's 21 and an out lesbian!"), a tightened up musical quality augmented by some delicious sampling and trickery, and some new songs written by Danielle, and the Diva herself.

Bambi was animated, chatty and confident that night. "I really enjoyed watching the big Club Uranus float in the gay parade this year," she said. "I wasn't on it, but I enjoyed that someone was doing something different. The last time there was a float like that was in '71. It was called Angels of Light, anyway..."

Gee, I had to wonder, was that the colorful and defined '70s scene referred to in comparison to this new and hideously dubbed "post-Stonewall" generation/scene? I doubt it. People probably didn't understand back then either. I found the whole issue quite confusing, but I was certain that the woman on stage in thigh-high, shiny, black vinyl boots was a survivor, scene or no scene.

One of Bambi's new songs, "Charlotte Rampling," is a hysterical description of the jet set, the glamorous life that someone from

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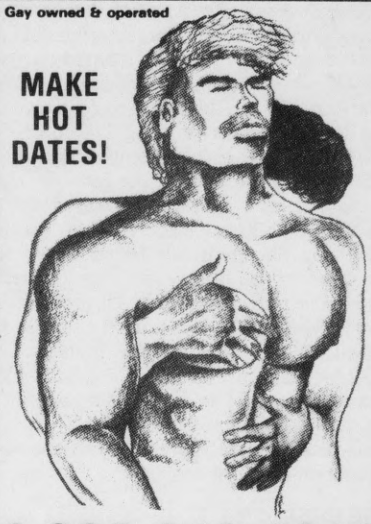

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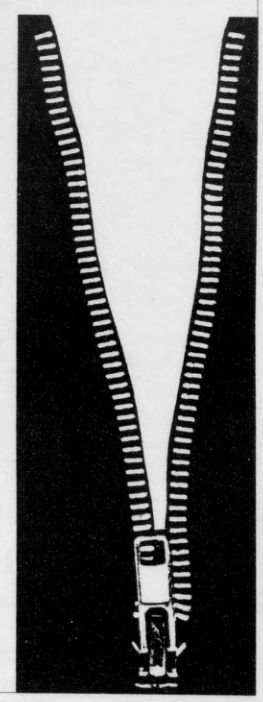

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the outside wants to be a part of. It takes a properly cynical tone, and the star references are quite imaginative. The song is based on a true story in which Bambi pretended to be Charlotte Rampling on the phone to get backstage at a Bauhaus concert at the Old Waldorf. She passed herself off as Miss Rampling's secretary ("She should be leaving the hotel for here anytime"), got backstage and partied with the band who were all quite anxious to meet Charlotte. She eventually fessed up and told the band of her trick, and they got really pissed of and made her leave. I love that story.

"Ya know," Bambi squarely said to her crowd, "I'm gonna go to the director of the S.F. Art Institute and say, 'I'm a Tenderloin Transvestite and I'm doing a photo-study on art students. Give me a grant!'"

She capped off the evening with one sweet sentimental song, á cappella.

THE BREEDERS

Occasionally while listening to music, a song won't strike you as particularly "high energy" at first, but then some instrumental break, some pinpoint precise production accentuating maybe only one instrument, will suddenly hit you hard in the spine, the switch being so abrupt and intense. One minute you'll be casually listening, then the next you'll be whipping your head around, bending your knees slightly and feeling your hips start to roll. These movements might not be to the beat at all, but rather to the terrain; a searing guitar-part cuts into your senses or a guttural vocal line sweeps you up. You suddenly understand how Grateful Dead fans can space-dance to elongated guitar solos.

"Iris," the eighth song on The Breeders first LP, *Pod,* on Rough Trade, provides such a musical moment. The Breeders are, uh-oh, here comes that term that puts one in mind of Asia or the Travelling Wilburries, a *supergroup* comprised of Kim Deal, bassist for The Pixies, Tanya Donnelly, guitarist for Throwing Muses,and Josephine Wiggs, bassist with A Perfect Disaster. This effort is produced by Steve Albini, figurehead of such bands as Big Black and Rapeman, and producer of some extraordinary records by The Pixies, The Wedding Present, and Jesus Lizard. He has a knack for rendering guitar mayhem grunge-free, sharp and clean as blades unhindered by muck and mire and ready to slice. His production talents have given us some of the past three years' most exciting records.

The Breeders LP popped up just when many of us were hankering for some new material from The Pixies (expect a single this month!) and Throwing Muses. Pod aptly satisfies, with stylistic similarities most akin to The Pixies, yet it brings out to the front some of the backseat charms heard from these players in their usual groups. Specifically, Kim Deal's vocals. Her back-up singing with The Pixies presents perfect fresh and fragile harmonies with Black Francis almost too enigmatic to tamper with, spoil or wish for more of. With The Breeders, Kim is right up front utilizing a voice that ranks up there with some of our more current vocal goddesses like Bjork and Sinead O'Connor, but in a different way. Hearing her sing/scream the line, "Oh c'mon nobody does that," in the chorus of "Iris" or deliver the psychedelic opener of The Beatles' "Happiness is a Warm Gun," puts me in mind of the first time I heard Patti Smith doing "Space Monkey." It's not an extreme vocal ability one gains through training but more an emotive and truthful blast from just someone like yourself rather than someone with a range of several flawless octaves. Its effect is unnerving and magnificent.

Pod is one of the finest records I've heard all year. It's softer, more melodic moments always seem to break off into unusual timing, furious blurring passion and guitars that end up layering and intensfying far more than one could imagine. The Breeders have delivered a product that does one thing you wouldn't expect from a "supergroup"—it surprises.

SONIC YOUTH

On every single pressing of Sonic Youth's latest LP *Goo,* their first record on a major label (Geffen) but their eighth full LP since their early '80s inception, the packaging boasts the message "Smash the PMRC." This is exciting. After years of de-structuralizing the very form of the rock song to new heights of sonic pain, pleasure, humor and beauty, Sonic Youth are now ready to take on the big boy Music Industry, and they'll do so just like they always do with a song, from the inside. *Goo* gives every indication that Sonic Youth are primed and ready. As soon as I heard the LP for the first time, I phoned by friend Curt in New York. He's the biggest Sonic Youth fan I know.

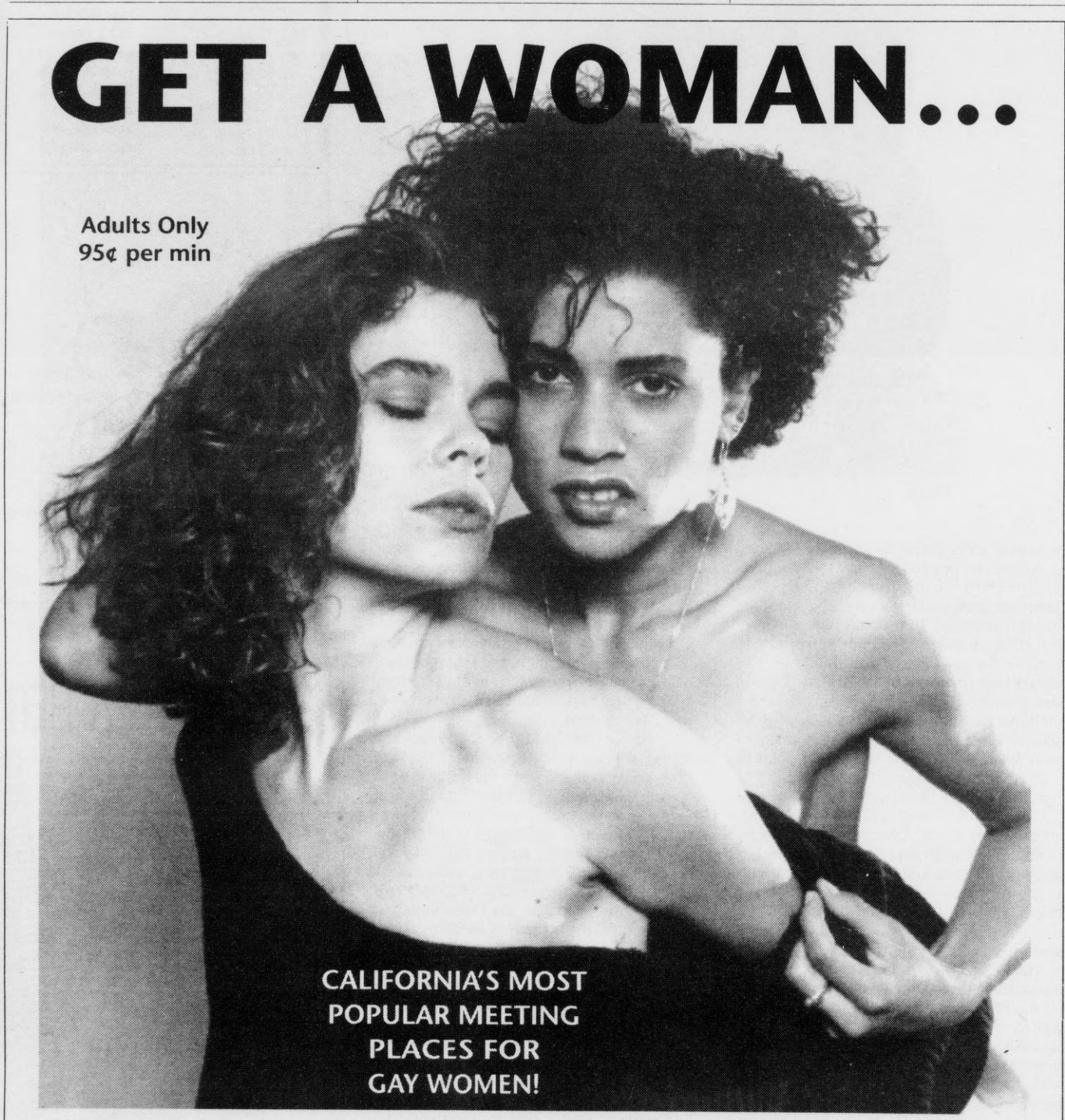
I got his machine and left a message going on about the song "Tunic (song for Karen)," in which bassist Kim Gordon adopts the persona of Karen Carpenter speaking calmly from heaven. It's a heartfeld tribute, not cruel, not particularly campy, but very intuitive and respectful. When Kim plaintively delivers the line, "Hey Mom, I'm in heaven now. I finally made it! I'm playing the drums again," it's chilling, sad and cathartic.

I got a return message from Curt a day later. It said, "Hi Don. Of course I bought the new Sonic Youth LP the day it came out. Kim Gordon is truly a goddess of rock, but I think my favorite song on the album is "Goo" because of the line, "My friend Goo just says PU." To me that's a real succinct epitaph for the '80s and kind of sums up the '90s too." Spoken like a true fan. Photos of the band that appear in the sleeve look like they borrowed a lot of '70s clothes from The Lunachicks and had the lighting set for optimum ugly skin tones. I love this band.

GGREG TAYLOR PRESENTS— LYPSYNCHA LAS VEGAS!

Still reeling over Grace Jones' unmitigated enthusiasm for his multi-jewelled head, Ggreg Taylor has yet another gem of a drag show coming your way on Aug. 9 at 1015 Folsom. Direct from New York, Mr. Taylor has culled one of Drag's most popular performer/figureheads, the fabulous Lypsyncha! For years now, John Epperson, a.k.a. Lypsyncha, has garnered praise and press beyond what any performer in the drag medium has attained this side of My Comrade. Her highly successful shows, "Ballet of the Dolls," "Dial M for Model," and "I Could Go On Lip-Synching," have packed houses, earned accolades from many notable stars and even wow-ed the pants off of (figuratively) film director Pedro Almodovar, something Michael Musto of *The Village Voice* literally tried to do, or at least he'd like us to think so, fueling the in-print bitch fight he's embarked on recently. At any rate, I've waited years for this evening and I think it rates a don't miss on everyone's calendar.

Also featured tonight is a chance to visit Jerome's Beauty Bar for a nice facial, beauty make-over or a quick trim, and in the VIP Lounge, a Tupperware lady from Pacifica will be holding a Tupperware party to benefit Project Inform. Purchase of a rainbow tumbler will entitle you to a limitless beer bust or some such nonsense, so bring your checkbooks! Tupperware withstanding, all proceeds will go to the benefit of Ggreg Taylor, so be there you glam-loving queers! (Aug. 9 at 1015 Folsom, 10 p.m., $7-$5, w/invite)



BAY WOMEN'S MUSIC

BY NOELLE HANRAHAN

Photo by David Gahr

Jill Sobule

This column is the gospel after a fashion. I believe every word written in it (for the moment at least). In last month's issue, I misidentified two aspects of Four Non-Blondes show. The first is that lead singer Linda Perry emphatically has never owned or worn a pair of Doc Martens. The boots I so glibly described were, in fact, industrial work boots. The second faux pas was in stating that the band "disavowed politics.' Four Non-Blondes has politics individually and collectively, and they've promised to reveal them to us some day in an exclusive interview.

Rhiannon
June 30, Noe Valley Ministry

Rhiannon's performance showcased parts of "Towards Home," a dramatic combination of scripted and improvised material collaboratively created and directed by Michele Lynn Forte. It is a dynamic theatrical monologue. Songs from Rhiannon's jazz repertoire mingle among the acts, tracing her roots with the jazz quintet Alive, her solo scat singing, and her more lush pop orchestrated late '80s work.

"Praire Home" serves as a coming to terms with her childhood—the shame, the wounds and the empowerment that come from a plain farmer's labor. The tale was swept along by the intimate laughter that families share in recollections, "My mother knew 1,000 ways to over-cook beef." Thoughts woven together from years of journal entries form a coherent whole, each a complete poem or tale. Rhiannon has found a pure moment, using aural exploration and jazz standards while Nina Gerber moves on and off the stage to grace the arrangement. Gerber's fingers on the guitar are taut, and the muscles hold firm on a steel tightrope which becomes a time piece. Light high notes with an avant garde cascade surround the story. Gerber's got a soft touch, a shy smile, and a country red neck's demeanor and soul.

At the begining of one piece, leaning into the mic, Rhiannon conjured a storm that enveloped the room, evoking a crackling energy that exploded into anger. The monologue broke out, the last scene in a stormy relationship. It documented a total, one-sided exorcism and became a healing and whimsical dream.

Rhiannon has grown into a master of timing, juxtaposing playful metaphors, and stringing together unconscious truisms. She is at her best when mixing spoken word, drama, and spinning tales.

Jill Sobule
July 9, Great American Music Hall

Celebrating the release of her debut MCA recording "Things Here Are Different," and backed by a tight and seasoned combo, Sobule made an auspicious SF debut. This show brought me back to 1987, when k.d. lang burst onto the GAMH stage playing to 100 blessed fans. I had the same sense that I was witnessing a phenomenon that would soon explode.

Armed with a voice like Madonna and a whimsical, yet firm, delivery, Sobule takes your breath away. After hearing her first song, I wrote a note to myself, "One song, one album sold."

Sobule's songs go beyond dogma and rhetoric when she talks about life from a woman's point of view. Words and phrases like "feminization of poverty," "battery" and "imperialism" are brought to life. Not once does she fall prey to labeling an issue rather than feeling and describing it.

The title cut captured women's oppression amidst cross-cultural realities. In three choruses and verses, Sobule grasped the hopes and fears of women spanning continents and generations. Sobule laughs at the absurdity of EST and Reagan wishing away poverty and class. "So Kind" is a song about love and the pull a battered woman feels to stay with her husband.

Themes and moods varied from song to song; the love songs used dark, moody, surreal dreams and visions mired in the heavy weight of reflection but yet grounded. On "Sad Beauty," the subtle rumble of a low-grade thunder underscored a tragic story.

This music has the potential to reach through life's defensive armor, to reach the conference tourists who wear their suits and ties to the show and are well on their way to a four-martini haze. The pure power of Sobule's uncompromising vision can reach out to anyone in the audience. Her healthy cynicism makes her the newest artist to watch out for. With a full rock sound and not one male pronoun, I can only hope that her fortunes will skyrocket.

Ruth Brown
July 18, Kimball's East

Ruth Brown is the regal queen of rhythm 'n' blues and soul. Atlantic Records is known as "The House That Ruth Built" on a string of number-one hits in the '40s and '50s that made Brown the number one selling Black singer in both decades.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Virgina, Brown had the fortune of being raised in the Methodist and Baptist musical traditions. At an early age she was on her own out on the road, letting her voice be her security. She was very successful, yet didn't receive royalties or exposure, as white artists would cover her material and make the television rounds.

After Brown's career ground to a halt in the '60s, she took any work she could get to support her two sons, driving school buses, working as a maid, and occasionally performing in local Long Island Clubs. She re-emerged in the late '70s, with TV appearances, theatrical runs and movies.

It's amazing that Brown has not lost any of

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Ain't Misbehavin'

Ain't Misbehavin'

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Better than the original, this *Ain't Misbehavin'* is not to be missed. It's been extended through Aug. 5, so hurry on down.

Conceived and directed by Richard Maltby, Jr., the Tony-award winning *Ain't Misbehavin'* bursts at the seams with star turns and infectious good cheer. There are two dozen great tunes—most authored or co-authored by Fats Waller—and a finale of five other songs that Waller made famous.

Conductor and pianist William Foster McDaniel sits at an upright in one corner of the stage and whips his five-man band and five-singer cast through a sizzling frenzy of Luther Henderson arrangements. The high-energy, high-stepping choreography is by Arthur Faria.

The cast now and then lays on some excessive mugging but otherwise provides some peerless interpretations of the joyful, sassy music. Evan Bell is the delightful Fats figurehead. Sitting at a table, singing to an imaginary companion, his big solo "Your Feet's Too Big" is pure comic genius.

Terri White, whose voice is as big as Merman's and a helluva lot prettier, works the lyrics of "Honeysuckle Rose" and "I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling" to a fare-thee-well, then pulls back with a simpler but emotion-laden "Mean to Me." Dancer/singer Eric Riley leads the company through "Tain't Nobody's Bizness if I Do," sings a down and dirty "Fat and Greasy" with Egan Bell, and then reduces the audience to a limp rag with his sinuous show-stopping "The Viper's Rag." It's the definitive version.

Ellia English whose bountiful body is perfect for her inviting "Squeeze Me," mugs outrageously through many of the ensemble numbers, but then settles down comfortably on "That Ain't Right" and on her duet with White, "Find Out What They Like." Rosemarie Jackson, the bouncy sex kitten of the ensemble, has considerable difficulty controlling a lithe body that wants to move in six directions at once. Her "Keepin' Out of Mischief Now" is terrific stuff.

But the star is the music of Fats Waller. It's all there, from "Ain't Misbehavin', " "Cash for Your Trash," "The Joint is Jumpin'," (and it was, it was), through such mega-hits that Waller made famous, "Two Sleepy People," "I Can't Give You Anything but Love," and "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie."

But the single most moving, power-packed moment was when the ensemble sat quietly at the end of the show and sang the bittersweet lyrics of "Black and Blue." What a gut-wrencher.

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Lily Tomlin: A Theatrical Legacy

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Late in 1987, when Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner brought *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe"* to the Golden Gate Theatre, I wrote words of highest praise for the work, the performance, and for the dozen or so characters who were zapped into reality by bag lady Trudy's radar-dish umbrella hat.

Lily and Company returned for two weeks in July, the final live performances prior to the release of *The Search* as a movie. We mark their departure as we would the passing of a friend. I assume and fervently hope that each and every one of you saw Ms. Tomlin's bravura exploration of three generations of disparate women (and a couple of men) in their search for commitment, expression, and a reason for existence beyond everyday coping.

Social satire it may be, but this is social satire with a difference. Ms. Wagner's witty and perceptive analysis of a time in recent history, and Ms. Tomlin's compassionate interpretation of the people living this history was intelligently and, above all, lovingly revealed.

The Search may have left San Francisco, but it has left behind some very real ghosts who will continue to intermingle with our consciousness of reality. Turn a corner in the Tenderloin and you may catch a glimmer of Trudy, the bag lady. One may think she's talking to herself, but she's probably still trying to explain to her alien guests the difference between Warhol's painting of a can of Campbell's soup and a *real* can of Campbell's soup. Art and reality is her obsession.

In every aerobics class there's a doomed Chrissey who always wanted to be somebody but never discovered who that somebody might be. Performance artist Agnus Angst, exponent of tomorrow's non-fashion statement, will continue to roam the Haight raging at a life that locked her out. In any number of Union Square beauty salons, cool, elegant Kate flips through magazines, bored to distraction, waiting for something, anything, to break through to her—even if it's a crazed bag lady and a couple of young hookers.

Back home in Indiana, Agnus' grandparents, Lud and Marie, are still sitting in their porch swing, swatting mosquitoes, speaking in nagging but endearing shorthand.

The more structured second act with its sad but comedic replay of life in California in the sixties and seventies, centered on Lyn, her husband, a job, a pair of hyper-active twins, and her best friends, Edie and Marge. It portrayed a collage of the just-past generation, people who were active in or endured every social and political movement that a restless country had to offer: from est to the women's movement; from lesbian experimentation with turkey baster insemination to the West Coast male's obsession with physical fitness; from child-rearing theories to women's rise (and often stagnation) in corporate management; from the giddy cycle of self-improvement seminars to the yard sale symbolizing the ultimate break-up of marriage.

As Lyn says in a moment of sardonic reflection: "If I'd have known what having it all was going to be like, I'd have settled for less."

Trudy's aliens have packed up their souvenirs and moved out into the universe, and Lily has taken her last bow (we hope the ovation rings in her ears for a long, long time), but she's left behind some very real people and some ideas for us to think about.

The Melody Lingers On

REVIEWED BY LARRY MYERS

In *The Melody Lingers On* at Foothill College, Rene Pulliam, Peter Maleitzke, Tom Anderson, Gene Price and Rick Simas offer a "Broadway Flop" sketchbook that even a dour curmudgeon would find appealing! *Melody* proves what a difficult synthesis of disparate art forms every Broadway musical is—acting, directing, design, libretto, music, choreography. Some provocative songs survive even the critical pans administered to the short-run shows. This is due to their lyricism, novelty or dramatic intensity. *Melody* demonstrates this staying power by offering songs in a straightforward, unsullied manner.

The strength of this summer eve's entertainment is that the artistry of the songs is the star rather than the glitzy, flashy personalities of the performers. Nevertheless these most talented singers do convey subtextual elements of the challenging songs' themes and sometimes even a hint of the complexity of the interpersonal relationships of the composers, lyricists and original stars.

Jane Hall's autopsy-bright lighting is one of the show's few flaws. The unrelentingly bright Brechtian light without nuance mars moods and adds a harshness to the delivery of the more tender songs. Soprano Stephanie Rhoads and alto Meg MacKay are such stunning natural beauties that they both look gorgeous even in unflattering light. Meg's torchy "It Never Entered My Mind" and "More Than You Know" are sultry treats. Her "Millwork" (very familiar from the Bette Midler recording) comes near to that rather definitive rendering. Meg has a vibrant, spunky stage presence throughout. Droll in a Betty Hutton sendup, she is equally capable of dramatizing emotive characterizations for her sad songs. She could minimize a piercing stare she overuses, but perhaps those blue eyes are simply blinded by the lighting. Meg should have been given "Here's That Rainy Day," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," and "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry," as they seem more apt to her stage persona.

Shapely Stephanie Rhoads has a most attractive leading lady demeanor. She exhibits range going from a diva parody to Norma Jean to the heavy *Chess* duet "I Know Him Well"

The Melody Lingers On

she performs with Meg. Her "Blame It On the Summer Night" (from *Rags*) is a high point. "You There in the Back Row" is also a real discovery and perhaps more such truly obscure pieces might be included in the show. Stephanie might eliminate some distracting movements from her performance of tunes such as "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows."

Kyle Fitzgerald appears to be somewhat more of a newcomer than his costars. His strongly expressive voice is heard in *The Yearling's* "My Pa" but he flounders somewhat with "I Found a Million Dollar Baby." Tenor Tom Anderson has a much more "period feel" to his offerings. He communicates a Rudy Vallee/Dick Haymes delivery, yet his style is most certainly quite individualistic. Eliminating some ultra-emotionality from already lugubrious songs and some hyper-gesturing might make him even more compelling. Yet his "I'll Be Seeing You," "Anyone Can Whistle," and "Mama, a Rainbow" are certainly the evening's standouts! His "All the Things You Are" also reflects an acute knowledgeability of how to claim a song. Mr. Fitzgerald seems to perform at peak when working with Mr. Anderson. His appealing contributions in "Strike Up the Band" and "Coffee in a Cardboard Cup" were notable. (Yet both guys could tone down the campiness in an already goofy song).

Oftentimes there seems to be an almost *Manhattan Transfer* quality to the ensemble songs. Yet in their accomplished presentation of *Carmelina's* "One More Walk Around the Garden" they offer a more substantial payoff than that pop group. There is such a wealth of significant tunes and pithy New York stage lore that perhaps the titles of songs and shows might be displayed on vintage TV "Your Hit Parade" placards to designate names. Gene Price has offered a super-archivist load of statistics and facts. *The Melody Lingers On* has a lot of hummable tunes!

Whether *The Melody Lingers On* will move into a San Francisco venue is moot at the moment. The musical plays Thursdays through Sundays through Aug. 5 at Foothill College.

(Playwright/critic Larry Myers is a contributor to Theatre Week *and* New York Stages. *His play,* Dancing Tarantulas *is on the fall production schedule at The Climate.)*

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the talent that made her a star. This performance was full of elegance and charismatic torch songs. Her clipped intonation is reminiscent of Billie Holliday, and she has an earthy gravel-laden delivery of a pure and reserved tone. Her songs recall the Fairmont and smoky, leather backrooms. Each song was a tribute and a testimony to her comeback. Singing songs from Black & Blue, her latest Fantasy Recording which won a Grammy in 1990, Brown has returned to form.

CABARET

Fourth Annual Cabaret Gala Nets Over $10,000 for AIDS Emergency Fund

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Cabaret—sometimes invisible to the naked eye—flashed across our local firmament a week ago under the aegis of Sterling Productions. This fourth annual "You and the Night and the Music," produced by Don Johnson and directed by Michael Vita, brought out the stars. The producers even imported a guest comet, Reece Holland, from a neighboring galaxy, the Los Angeles company of *Phantom of the Opera.* What a voice and what a presence! What Holland hasn't got, Holland doesn't need.

Samantha Samuels, current co-chair of the AEF, once again played three roles: mistress of ceremonies; fashion model (slipping in and out of seven beaded and bejeweled Michael Casey gowns); and social commentator of East Bay suburbia. Sam opened with a Minelli-type blast, "I'm On" (music by Eric Vitro, lyrics by Steven Shore), and then set the evening's theme with Amanda McBroom and Vitro's "Such Good Friends." (Ms. Samuels' banter sometimes sounds like two hairdressers dishing a customer...and I couldn't like it more.)

Musical director Larry Dunlap accompanied fine jazz vocalist Bobbe Norris on a rich, soaring "From This Moment On," and an ultra-romantic arrangement of "You and the Night and the Music." This married couple make some beautiful music together.

Tim DiPasqua played and warbled an original "Ode to a Piano," seguing in and out of "The Old Piano Roll Blues," and was joined by Tom Andersen who sang his current signature tune, "Anyone Can Whistle" before cutting loose on a rafters-shaking, show-stopping "It Must Have Been Moonglow."

Pam Brooks, of whom Samantha says "She's *always* in full makeup...I admire that," would probably glitter if she wore a gunny sack. But she wore gold lamé. The glittery Ms. Brooks sang the haunting "Wind Beneath My Wings" and then a big, big sentimental "In Heaven's Eyes."

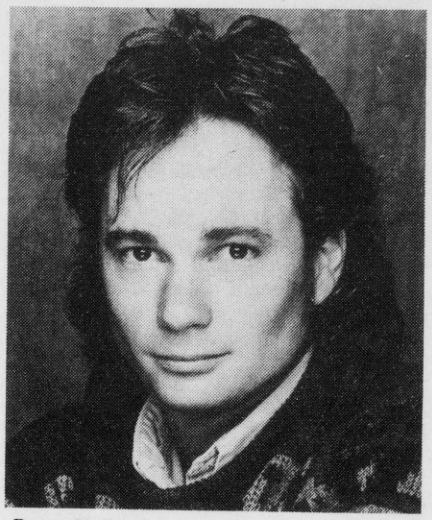
The incomparable Nicholas, Glover & Wray did their Boswell Sisters bit and brought down the house. "Crazy People" was fabulous—and that's an understatement—and their symphonic "Everybody Loves My Baby" was faster than the speed of light. Their male counterparts on the local scene, The Jesters, whipped through an intricately arranged, wittily choreographed "Sentimental Gentleman from Georgia," and then formed a sextet with NGW on "We Couldn't Say Goodbye." What a sensational show these two trios could put together.

In a too-rare appearance away from BBB, Val Diamond steamed up the proceedings with her sly protestation, "I'm Not Really Into S&M," and then got down to the serious stuff with a powerful, gut-wrenching "Everything."

The "Dirty Dream of a Clean-Cut Kid" cast sang three numbers. Samm Gray fronted the quartet on "Could You Make Love to Me?" and then led the men through the self-cancelling concept of "I Hate It When I Dream About Happiness." The musical's lyrically simplistic anthem, "Let There Be Love," was unfortunately overamplified. Poignancy was sacrificed to the altar of volume...again.

Leslie Sorcio-Sotelo sang a highly energized "Closer to you." (Just close your eyes...the phrasing is pure Streisand.)

Comedians Tom Ammiano, Danny Williams and Sandy Van did some fine bits, but I'll refrain from reporting—and spoiling—their best lines. On the other hand, I can't resist this one from Danny. Advising us that he and his lover are celebrating their tenth anniversary, he commented: "And just think, eleven days ago we didn't even know each other."



Reece Holland

Dimpled, handsome guest star Reece Holland broke a few hearts even before he started to sing. After two Jerry Herman numbers, "Before the Parade Passes By" and "It Only Takes a Moment," and Vitro and Shore's "Save a Place for Me," he had the entire Venetian Room just where he wanted it...in his pocket. Holland was joined by Samantha on the closing number, "Maybe if We Try," a Vitro and Shore song written especially for the AIDS Emergency Fund and Hollywood Helps.

Vince Lateano on drums, Jeff Neighbor on bass and Larry Dunlap on keyboards comprised the impressive house band.

Sterling Productions and all of you performers who gave your time and talent to the AEF, take a bow.

Amanda McBroom: New Songs, New Look

The heretofore calm, collected, ultra-chic Amanda McBroom (writer of "The Rose") presented us with a new persona at her Great American Music Hall concert this month. A little sassy, a touch saucy, she's forsaken her filmy chiffon demeanor for black spandex pants and a loose silvery shirt.

She sang mostly her own compositions, a presumptuous undertaking for most cabaret singer/writers, but in her case quality triumphs. The voice is warm and assured; the phrasing a study in elegant nuances; a final note will hang in the air like a feather.

Opening with one of her impressive story-ballads, the poignant "Ship in a Bottle," she then revealed the other side of McBroom with a hangover ode to those morning-after blues and followed with a broad comedy number having to do with a shoe fetish.

Among her "didn't write" numbers was the moody "Sahara," accompanied by Tim Stone on vocals and the exciting percussion of Arno Lucas and her favorite "oldie but moody," "You Send Me," again with Stone and Lucas on doo-wop backups.

The set also featured "So You Say" (McBroom's lyrics), a pop song that had a fine treatment on the Manhattan Transfer's *Brazil* album. A cautionary tale about trying to please a lover, "Tell Me What You Want," offered the graphic lyric "would you mind not squeezing your legs together so tight, it makes my earrings cut into my neck."

McBroom, who tends to write songs about stories she reads in the newspapers, sang an á cappella number about "A Baby in a Box in the Sand." One of her more dramatic ballads was the 1986 Grammy nominee, "The Portrait," a gripping exploration of a mother/daughter relationship. Unique to McBroom's songwriting talent is the ability to insert a stunning twist that lays bare some dormant fear or emotion.

Her interpretation of "The Rose" is clean and uncluttered, making it seem fresh again after a decade of overembroidery by other cabaret singers. "Dr. Longjohn" was her sop to those fans who demand a shot of raunch, and her last song (I didn't get the title) utilized a sailing ship metaphor to describe the sadness of those who are left behind and the gladness of those "on the other side" when the ship comes home.

My favorite of her new songs (which she co-wrote) was "Here and Now." An unabashedly romantic melody, it's exquisite lyrics were reminiscent of the kind of songs Cole Porter and Noel Coward once wrote.

The very fine Latin-flavored band featured Paul Viapiano on guitar, Arno Lucas on percussion, Cliff Hugo on bass, and Bill Elliott on keyboards.

Heartbeats, a new musical featuring Amanda McBroom—with words and music by McBroom—opens in September at the Old Globe in San Diego.

Valerie Litchfield At the Blue Muse

Quite by happenstance I wandered into the Blue Muse on a recent Friday and caught the last set of singer Valerie Litchfield. New to the jazz scene, this young vocalist twisted and turned her way through a dozen standards with an innovative and refreshing boldness. Her approach reflects an eagerness to express a personal style in a musical phrase, with the result that she compels us to share her own excitement and delight.

Ms. Litchfield knows her classics and she entertained us with a repertoire culled from the greats—Ellington to Thelonious Monk to Fats Waller. Backed by pianist Dean Burris, she offered a slightly husky "Foggy Day in London Town" that was reminiscent of a young Sarah Vaughn. "Sophisticated Lady," a nicely arranged "When Sunny Gets Blue," the nostalgic, upbeat "Tangerine," and "Lullabye of Birdland" followed in short order. "But Not for Me" was especially touching, though her sweetly romantic "Dancing Cheek to Cheek" suffered an occasional rushed phrase.

After a rather measured interpretation of "Moonlight in Vermont," Ms. Litchfield picked up the tempo with a swinging "I'm Old Fashioned" that made toe tapping irresistable. A bluesy version of that often overlooked Waller classic, "Honeysuckle Rose" followed. "As Time Goes By," a fine song too often given a lusterless interpretation, offered the singer the opportunity to reintroduce the melody with some fresh creativity.

Style definitely headlined the evening and it's refreshing to be present when a young singer approaches jazz classics with a fresh ear and a sense of daring. Ms. Litchfield obviously understands this music and assuming she continues to develop, we'll be able to say we caught her on the way up.

One final dissenting note. The singer is a fresh, young face. She has a talent that speaks for itself. She doesn't need a vampy black dress and a Veronica Lake "peek-a-boo" hairdo to create a sultry mystique. A shorter, softer hairdo and a simple blouse might offer a less distracting frame for this bright, new talent.

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The Black Women's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves

By Evelyn C. White
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REVIEWED BY VIVIENNE LOUISE

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Evelyn White

I usually approach anthologies of African-American women with some degree of trepidation. This fear has come from repeated disappointment resulting from no depiction of my experiences, values or attitudes within these books. After 12 years of feminist reading, writing, and listening, I have now learned to read these tomes from a distance, as if "they" were not "me," accepting an occasional identity connection as positive, affirming, but probably just coincidence. It is from this detached position that I read *The Black Women's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves,* edited by Evelyn C. White.

To the credit of the contributors and the editor, the book is excellent for what it is. The writing is clear, concise, easy to follow and accessible. No convoluted sentences, nor obscure theories rifle through these pages. Instead, there are 41 separate pieces, each with an individual voice, perspective and story. The articles range from personal stories about overcoming certain impediments toward health or a career in health, to articles replete with plainly stated statistical data. Some essays discuss solutions to specific social problems while others give advice for maintenance or attainment of good health.

All of the stories are empowering in that they either voice naked anger, outline concrete action toward achievement of goals despite obstacles, or emphasize acceptance of self. This was refreshing to me. Instead of the low-hanging wail of the downtrodden this book can be called a sweet song of determination.

However, the *Black Women's Health Book* nurtures an underlying assumption that Western medicine is the most desired form of health care. With the exception of Linda Janet Holmes' interview with Mattie Hereford, a midwife in Huntsville, Alabama, and an excerpt from Zora Neale Hurston's *Mules and Men,* little or no attention is given to the healing powers of home remedies and herbs. Although quite invigorating, both of these pieces are delivered from a historical context, not as suggestions for home health care today. No mention is given to acupuncture, chiropractic medicine, homeopathy, holistic medicine, flower essence treatments, or any other alternative health practice. Western medicine is seen as the panacea and most of the health problems are attributed to limited access to this form of treatment. It is due to this underlying assumption that I again experienced alienation from a book that is supposed to talk to and about me. Again, I had that sense that *The Black Women's Health Book* is really talking to "them" not "me."

As the eldest daughter of a physician in Washington, D.C., I grew up with access to "good medical care." The consequences are myriad and mostly negative. As an adult my most healing experiences have been with alternative health care, not standard Western medicine. My menstrual cramps were healed by acupuncture; my low energy enhanced by Chinese herbs; the range of motion within my disabled hip improved with tai'chi and chiropractic treatments; and my skin has been improved by a diet suggested by a herbologist. None of these changes occurred because of modern medicine. In fact, a couple of years ago, when I went to a medical doctor for a "routine test," I ended up in the emergency room and off from work for a couple of days as a result. I consider Western medicine suspect at best, if not downright hostile toward health and healing.

Consequently, I missed the stories in this book about women battling the modern medicine regime over decent health care. I missed stories about mastectomies and hysterectomies that didn't need to happen. Or the stories about doctors violating women in emotional and physical ways. I hunted in vain for stories by women who experienced medical malpractice, sued the negligent health professionals and won. Alas, within these pages Western medicine is the hero, or should I say heroine!

Another underlying assumption is that racism is okay to talk about but sexism isn't. The shadow of African-American men spreads across the pages rendering a squeak here or a moan there. But for the most part African-American men are not mentioned; and if they are it is either in a neutral or positive context. The social realities of African-American women, especially those which cause stress, are acknowledged as significant factors in African-American women's health. However, African-American men are not directly mentioned. What is wrong with this picture? How can African-American women's social realities be truly discussed or even assessed without serious consideration of the effect the African-American man has in that social picture? This omission is glaring! What is even more puzzling is why this exclusion has occurred

In the context of discussing battery and incest, African-American male sexist and misogynistic attidues are not addressed. Yet, the "racist society" is targeted numerous times throughout the book. What about the colleague of my father who was found raping one of his teenage gynecological patients; or the known abortionist (a physician) who refused to give my friend an abortion, forcing her to choose between unwanted motherhood or a back alley abortion; or the husband that battered my friend's mother until she could only see out of one eye; or the male classmates that harassed my sister all during medical school. Why aren't these men mentioned somewhere with the same deliberate rage that the "racist society" receives? This is a blatant omission to me. What I don't understand is why.

My most vehement objection, however, comes with the stand this book takes on the issue of flat: It is downright erroneous. Since at least the mid-1960s, there had been *medical,* and I repeat *medical,* research that has proven that fat is not an issue of willpower, overeating or laziness, but of genes. In the May 24, 1990 issue of the *Oakland Tribute,* an article, "Blame Your Genes For Those Extra Pounds," by Susie Okie, reported that an article in the current issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* affirmed the gene theory once again. "(That is) the strongest evidence yet that the genes a person inherits are the dominant factor determining whether that person is fat, lean or in-between. No one knows what the genes do in detail, but they presumably set metabolic rates and lay the body's strategy for handling extra calories.

The Black Women's Health Book addresses the issue of fat from the perspective of stereotypes that are not challenged or even researched. Being fat is mentioned as an ailment right along with lupus, cancer, diabetes, sickle cell anemia, alcoholism and hyperten-

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sion in the "Introduction" by Evelyn C. White. Now given that all of these are direct and serious illnesses, fat does not deserve a place in this list as it is not in and of itself a cause of death.

Dieting is more of a health hazard than fat. Dieting places stresses on the body that are unusual and the body interprets these conditions as starvation. The body then reacts by eating away at vital organs, and setting the ideal weight at a higher level, in order to avoid starvation. Diets therefore disrupt the internal regulatory mechanism of the body and set all sorts of ailments into motion. A good reference book on this subject is *Shadow on a Tightrope: Writings by Women on Fat Oppression,* edited by Lisa Schoenfielder and Barb Wieser.

The Black Women's Health Book encourages alienation of the thousands (millions?) of fat African-American women. Even in Georgiana Arnold's article "Coming Home: One Black Woman's Journey to Health and Fitness" the contradiction regarding fat was made apparent. She realized that while eating glazed donuts, "I would eat one or two to everyone else's four or five and yet they were skinny and I was not." Herein lies the rub. Overeating, lack of exercise, non-nutritious diets are not the exclusive arenas of fat people. Thin people overeat, don't exercise, eat non-nutritious diets and still remain thin. Fat in and of itself means nothing in terms of someone's overall physical health. Dieting, however, means stress, strain, tampering with the internal bodily controls and probably illness.

I am a 200 pound woman who has not dieted since I was in my early 20s. I am now 39 years old. I recently had a checkup in which my physician said that I was A-okay and she wished she saw more people as healthy as myself. My friends who do not diet experience the same amount of good health, with no incidence of hypertension, high cholesterol, back problems, etc. These myths regarding fat need to be laid to rest. Incidentally, I refuse to use the word "obese" which comes from the Latin word *obedere* which means to "eat away." This is an obvious negative reference toward fat people.

In conclusion, I did experience particular pleasure in several of the pieces. The folksy tales of "Thank You Jesus To Myself: The Life of a Traditional Black Midwife," by Linda Janet Holmes were warm and enchanting. I found myself wishing I could talk to Mattie Hereford myself, or better yet, see her perform that certain mid-wifery magic. Unfortunately, these skills have not been handed down from woman to woman, as was the tradition, and are lost to many of us today. But certainly Mattie Hereford is just a reminder of the many herb women and healers that took care of African-Americans for centuries. To these women we literally owe our present lives.

The common sense wisdom of Opal Palmer Adisa's "Rocking in the Sun Light: Stress and Black Women" was quite encouraging. The placement of this piece early in the book was inspirational because it gave a name (or renamed) those ambiguous aches and pains that steal our strength. My favorite saying is that my heart hurts. In other words, the stress is getting to me. It is weighing me down and making my head heavy. Lifting up takes special energy and that energy can be exacting on the body. This is common sense and most African-American women know it. But to have it lyrically retold, as in Adisa's piece, brought it home to ground.

"Black Prostitutes and AIDS" by Gloria Lockett opened my eyes to a positive educational role that prostitutes can play in the community. Previously, I let go of negative assumptions concerning the moral character of prostitutes, recognizing that these are simply women making a buck the best way they know how. I hadn't, however, accepted the fact that they may also be a source of wisdom and education, especially regarding erotically creative ways to have safe sex in the era of AIDS. This consciousness-raising was welcome and I'm grateful to Lockett for her delivery of this message.

Alice Walker's "Beauty: When the Other Dancer is the Self" was the most emotionally moving piece. It told of an accidental shooting with a bee-bee gun by her brother which rendered her blind in one eye. Walker describes her inferiority feelings following the accident, and her path toward a different self-definition. The words and style are poetic with a message that is personally clear. This piece brought tears to my eyes as I identified with the struggle to see individual beauty when some part of the body does not fit within the accepted norm.

My absolute favorite essay was "Doctor's Journal: Healing from the Inside Out" by Lorraine Bonner. Bonner wrote a winding story depicting three patients' illnesses, attitudinal approaches, and final outcomes. She did not give any specific advice nor make any dogmatic assumptions, but laid out the situation in a neat, simplistic way. During her storytelling, she relayed personal thoughts on the patients and their conditions. However, throughout, she delivered a sincere desire to adhere and listen to the wishes of the patients, not forcing her ideas or ideals. I identified very strongly with one of her thoughts, a suggestion to recognize an illness as belonging to me, accept it as part of me, and change the problem from this place of acceptance. Something about that advice struck me as organic and most probably effective. It is an idea that I will work to digest in the coming months.

The Black Women's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves didn't cross that chasm I feel when reading these so-called "black women's books." But it did offer me some insights, the pleasurable experience connected with good writing and recognition that many African-American women still believe in Western medicine, exclusive of alternative health practices. I can only hope that a more expanded awareness of health and healing is budding in our community than is reflected in this book.

In Mad Love and War

By Joy Harjo
Wesleyan University Press, 67pp., 1990

REVIEWED BY KENNY FRIES

Anyone who has read Joy Harjo's book of poems *She Had Some Horses* will not be surprised at her stunning new book, *In Mad Love and War*. In this long-awaited book, Harjo expands her vision, widens the range of her powerful voice, and gives to us poetry that is as alive, relevant, and original, as any that has been written within the past ten years.

Like Adrienne Rich's *Dream of a Common Language*, Audre Lorde's *The Black Unicorn*, and Judy Grahn's *The Work of a Common Woman*, Joy Harjo's *In Mad Love and War*, is destined to become a book we return to again and again, providing guidance and sustenance, describing a vision at times strangely akin, if not in style but in content, to W. B. Yeats.

In the first poem that prefaces the book, "Grace," Harjo writes: "I know there is something larger than the memory of a dispossessed people." In the poems that make up the two parts of *In Mad Love and War* ("The Wars" and "Mad Love"), Harjo conjures up the deer dancers and tricksters of her Native American cultures, past and future lovers, the lives of her mother and father, jazz musicians such as Billie Holiday and Charlie Parker, activists and friends, the natural world, other poets, and merges all of this with her own past, present and future selves, to give us a full vision of life as our century races to its conclusion.

In "Deer Dancer" the poet tells us, "In this language there are no words for how the real world collapses." So instead, she looks "at the stars, in this strange city, frozen at the back of

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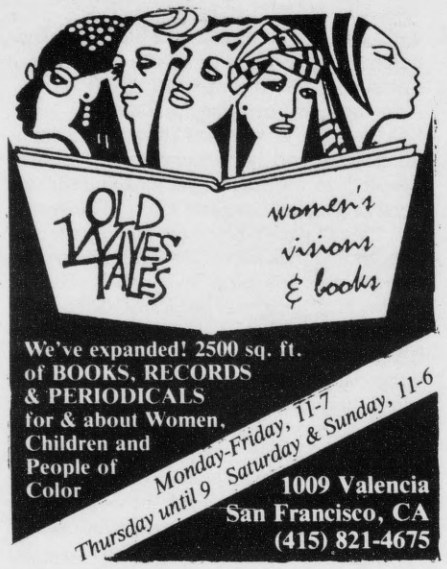
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For Die-Hard Orton Fans Only:

Head to Toe

By Joe Orton
St. Martin's Press, New York, $13.95

Because We're Queers or The Life and Crimes of Kenneth Halliwell and Joe Orton

By Simon Shepherd
GMP Publishers Ltd., 1989, $15.00

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

Both *Head to Toe,* a novel by Joe Orton, and *Because We're Queers,* a study of Joe Orton (and Orton's lover Kenneth Halliwell) by Simon Shepherd, make for extremely tough reading. Orton's novel is full of quirky imagery and fantasy-filled passages, but ultimately takes us nowhere. Shepherd's study is dry to the point of parched—incessantly driving home the same points in its 167 pages of examination and conjecture.

With no immediate explanation as to how he arrived on the head of an impossibly huge giant (whom we learn later is Atlas), central character Gombold travels aimlessly from head to toe in *Head to Toe.* Of course, along the way he has a series of adventures. Captured by a hulking woman cop who insists he call her "Daddy," he wears women's clothing and becomes domesticated. Escaping from this distaff frying pan he leaps into the fire—an (overwritten) assassination plot against a woman prime minister. Captured again (this time by bacchanalian authorities), he's sent to prison and is locked in a privy (American translation: toilet stall). Tunnelling out, he works his way down to a town near the giant's groin and takes up temporary shelter in the now-abandoned Trojan Horse. Then, travelling with newfound friends via a tour bus, he arrives at the giant's penis:

> The party stepped out of the coach, staring until their necks ached and their eyes swam. It stood up from the ground, bulging and bristling, its walls veined by blue streaks. So vast, so steep, so mighty that it seemed a new world rising out of the old; a world of its own; beauutiful and menacing. A vast erection of the earth. Gombold caught his breath...

The intrepid hero continues down the right leg, up the giant's club a bit, back down and up the left leg. He joins the army in a war between the Left and Right Buttocks and soon becomes a prisoner of war kept in a cage at a zoo. Once again escaping, he and his friends travel through the intestinal tract (via river) where they meet a wise man and some villagers and attend a wedding. Some vague intrigue sends them in fish barrels to the giant's teeth where they emerge and... well, you get the idea.

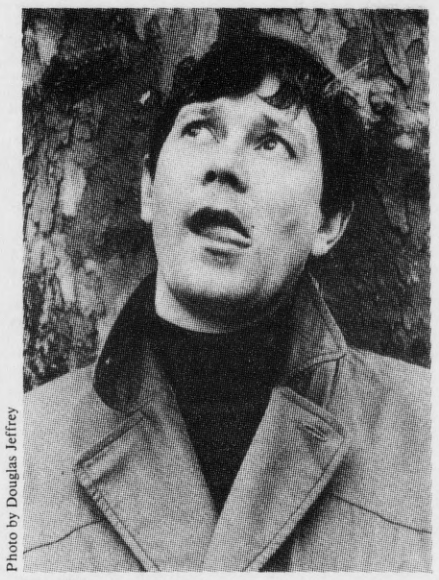
The aimless wandering and strange allegorical characters are generously intermixed with imagery from Greek mythology (a favorite study of Orton's), which never really congeals into anything beyond mild surprises. Other bizarre images reveal his more immediately accessible political attitudes:

> Upon his approach the noises he had taken for voices changed into snarls, shrieks and grunts. Staring from behind a bush he saw an eagle, bald, mad, a single eye, claw, wing and a few tailfeathers—half a bird. Beside it was a cock and an aged lion, a dead mare and a she-wolf wearing a mitre...
> The quarrel was resolved. A few minutes later, however, they had another. And then another. Each time the eagle called upon them to remember their alliance. The animals snapped and roared at the bird until it went off in a huff.

The novel's most interesting aspect is the constant promise of Orton's greatness to come. His respect for words and their power as weapons in political and social revolution is not only sensed in this fictional world of cruelty and arbitrary injustice, but in a direct quote:

> Gombold realized...[that] words were more effective than actions; in the right hands verbs and nouns could create panic... [he] bought a dictionary and began to study the construction of the sentence... He studied the chemistry and behavior of words, phrase design, the forging, casting and milling, the theories of paraphrase and periphrase, the fusing and the aiming.

Head to Toe precedes Orton's first play by two years. His wit and social satire is seen here to be nowhere near as razor sharp as it would become in his finer forces. Pertinent to its 1971 publication (though written in 1961) is the fact that it wasn't sold to the public until after Orton's murder by his lover Halliwell. Riding the wave of sensationalized publicity, this book, which had previously been rejected, was then found fit for printing and distribution. Now though, the book's main audience would have to be major Orton fans who crave just a bit more of this deceased man's vision.



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Joe Orton

Because We're Queers is quite another story—a socio-anthropological textbook. Simon Shepherd sets himself up as a social scientist whose purpose is to recreate and hopefully replace the Orton Mythology (fueled by the heterosexual biographer John Lahr's *Prick Up Your Ears*) with a radical gay perspective.

As sterile as a laboratory, this study looks at a homophobic London in the 1960s in an attempt to illustrate that Halliwell's murder of his lover, Orton, was actually comprehensible and possibly inevitable. Painstakingly avoiding attempts at sensationalism, Shepherd's work is ponderous and ultimately extremely difficult to read.

Shepherd's purpose is praiseworthy, but his attempt is overwritten. Many, many passages would have made ideal footnotes, available to the zealous reader, but not obstructing the casual reader from a more brisk and concise perusal. Each chapter defines what's to be discussed, discusses it and then summarizes it. This extreme repetition only further slows the reader's progress and lessens their resolve. Add to this an excruciatingly small typeface, and you've got quite a challenge.

Orton's external and internal worlds are laid bare: homosexuality, promiscuity, youth culture, Freud, dramatic themes, etc. Quotes from the playwright's farces and novel (*Head to Toe,* referred to by Shepherd as "pretty unreadable") are provided, as well as extensive quotes from 1960s literature, medical studies and newspaper articles. All these sources serve to flesh out Shepherd's oft-stated concepts.

Rivaling Orton's anger against the pretensions of middle and upper-class society is Shepherd's justifiable anger toward the pretensions of heterosexist society, whose oppression has figured prominently in murdering not just Orton but so many other gay men and women:

> Currently heterosexist culture feels free to turn [Orton's] plays into heterosexist comedies and to forget about their homosexual anger. Happily there are no authors to object to this transformation, since heterosexism had the foresight to destroy them. It seems imperative therefore to reclaim the plays from a radical gay position: to make it clear that, while the play's politics are not always attractive to a radical gay position, they are still—most definitely—homosexual plays.

The points of this text are well taken, but are too few and far between.

As with *Head to Toe, Because We're Queers* will interest mostly extremist Orton fans, but perhaps also radical gays who will find Shepherd's politics powerful encouragement for their efforts. The book holds some rewards, so if you decide to give it a try, be patient and keep at it.

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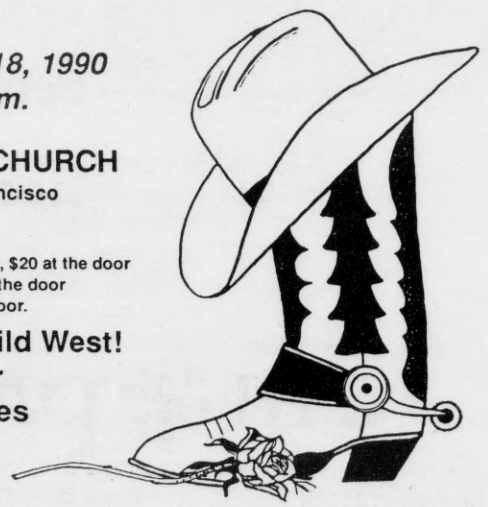

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Bad Boys and Tough Tattoos:
A Social History of the Tattoo with Gangs, Sailors, and Street Corner Punks, 1950-1965

By Samuel M. Steward, PhD.
Harrington Park Press, 1990, 198 pp.

REVIEWED BY JACK FERTIG

This is a most important book for anyone seriously interested in the art of dermography. Like a Tahitian *moko* it winds and weaves, fascinating and illuminating.

Bad Boys and Tough Tattoos: A Social History of the Tattoo with Gangs, Sailors, and Street Corner Punks, 1950-1965 is a title that offers a lot. Like a good tattoo, it stimulates the imagination and builds expectations. What we get are a collage of anecdotes and observations written by a brilliant storyteller in a unique position. The author, Samuel M. Steward, PhD., confesses in his introduction that this book is "merely" composed of observation and opinion, and is not meant to stand up to sociological argument. He takes a middle path between lurid tales of the needle and clinical detachment, perhaps disappointing a reader who wants much of one and less of the other.

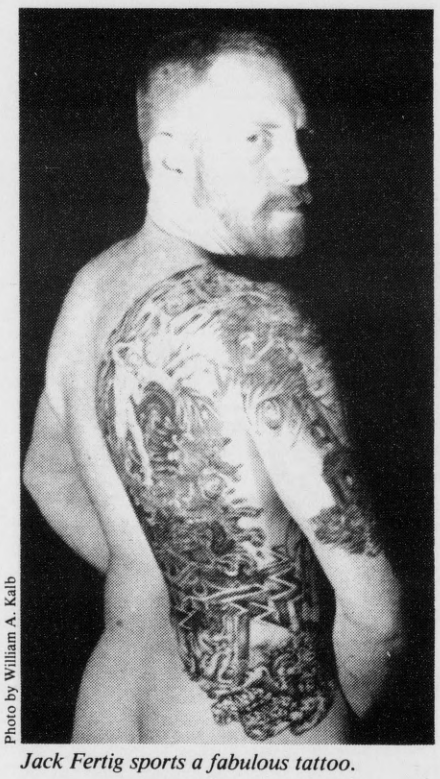
Steward gave up his academic life to become a "tattoodler," and took the name Phil Sparrow for his new profession. (He also made another name for himself as Phil Andros, a popular writer of erotic novels.) Early in his artistic career his friend, Alfred Kinsey, asked him to keep accounts of his experiences to provide insights to the erotic aspects of tattoo. And so started the notes that eventually developed into this book.

Tattoos are magical, mystical, and utterly sensationalizing. Steward acknowledges all that in the matter-of-fact tone of someone who has been around it for too many years to be mystified or sensationalized. This book studiously avoids sensationalism. Plenty of photo documentaries, and some very fine ones, can be found, but *Bad Boys* does not include illustrations or photographs. The book provides a uniquely cool, rational approach to a subject uniquely hot and irrational.

It can be taken as a droll chronicle of a man with unusual acuity blending in with the riff-raff of mid-century Chicago. It includes "the 25 reasons why people get tattoos" as well as simple factual information offered to counter the many myths and lies that surround this most intimate art. He points out some of the characteristics that distinguish good tats from bad, and tells what to look for in terms of cleanliness. As with sex, tattooing can spread disease, but proper steps can ensure safe penetration.

Because it is so full of good information and so deliciously legible, its flaws stand out rather conspicuously. As with most autobiographical accounts, the teller is characteristically clean, charitable and virtuous, quite in contrast to his competitors. Reflecting the attitudes of his time and locale, he is unfortunately misogynist in some of his accounts. Some of his views, entirely on target for the period related, are outmoded. It may be nitpicking to point out that he dismisses as unlikely legend reports of "the Fox Hunt," a tattoo design of British fox hunters in formal habit being led by their dogs down the back after a fox who is scurrying down into a conveniently placed hole. There are photographs of several such designs in *Art, Sex, and Symbol*, another worthy study of tattoo that is sadly missing from his bibliography. Finding a flaw like that leaves the reader wondering how many others may be lurking.

Since Phil Sparrow retired, tattoo has grown and developed, bringing together Western, South Pacific and Japanese styles in a modern, and sometimes post-modern, synergy. This book is entirely—and appropriately—in the mid-century era of American *flash*, comprised of pre-set designs of dragons, ships, pan-



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Jack Fertig sports a fabulous tattoo.

thers, and hearts bearing devotion to sweethearts and Mother.

Bad Boys... is a marvelous book of personal experience and personal observation. Its focus is necessarily close and limited. What he misses in academic study he more than makes up for in eloquent telling of his own experiences. Reading this book is like sitting and listening to the wise grandfather of a farflung tribe telling history and lore. One should take it with a grain of salt, and take it as only one view, but pay close attention to the wealth that is indeed there.

Sex and Other Sacred Games

By Kim Chernin and Renate Stendhal
Ballantine, 1990, 271 pp., $10.95

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Sex and Other Sacred Games, by Kim Chernin and Stendhal, is written in collaboration about the literary and erotic friendship between two women. Chernin is the author of several works of fiction and non-fiction about women's lives, and she lives in Berkeley. Renate Stendhal, born in Germany, expatriate in Paris for 20 years, performance artist, journalist and translator, now lives in Berkeley, too.

Alma and Claire are the book's two characters, one a lesbian, the other straight; they begin a living dialogue about sex and passion one day in a cafe in Paris. What ensues from this chance meeting of strangers, of writers, is a fascinating *pas de deux* of the erotic imagination that stretches over several years. The style they adopt toward each other is one of mirroring, but one in which the reflected self suddenly turns and challenges the other by refusing to accept what is presenting itself as real.

There is a wonderful intellectual sensibility to their adversarial positions that cuts to the quick. Not being lovers, neither has much to lose in the erotic interplay, except certain presuppositions about themselves and their own self-defined sexual myths that keep tripping them up in their very different lives.

There is a sense of stripping down to the bone—each character strip-teases the other. When it comes down to it, it's all a mind fuck, but it's an inventive and stylized one at that: "When reality is not enough," writes Alma to Claire, "or maybe too good to be true—one needs a story. I recognize it. Writing oneself into the other's story, writing the other into one's own. Isn't that what is called falling in love? Making up a story together."

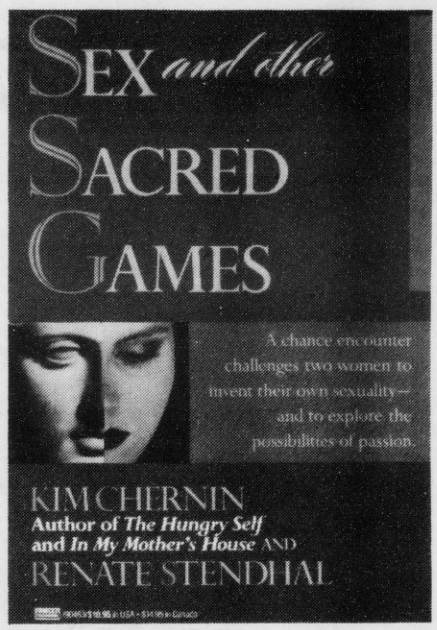
Ultimately the book is an uncomfortable kind of endeavor. As soon as you think you've figured out one of the characters, the other character throws a monkey wrench into the analysis and makes a stranger out of the character whom you thought you knew. Each character perpetually changes her mind about herself and the other, and the reader is forced to reconsider the game at every turn. The book is neither fiction nor non-fiction, but a combination of both in the forms of narrative, journal entries, letters, and analyses of the theories by which the women participate in their lives. The distinctions between truth and fantasy are purposefully blurred, and that which is understood by the reader is essentially an understanding of subterfuge.

It's a classic triangle between two characters and the reader, each filling in projections, wondering who will make the next move, who's pairing off for which reasons, and who will be abandoned without explanation. The book is a game of seduction, holding the age-old promise—for the characters and for the reader—that through the erotic encounter you will somehow learn something new and crucial about yourself, something which will make your life different. The characters move in and out of each other's depths hitting the raw nerves of psychological passion and traumatic memories beneath each of their personal mythologies of pleasure. For both of them, gay and straight, the cosmic union or blending of differences or the fulfillment of sexual love is a goal, not to be reached.

Sex and Other Sacred Games explores the unfulfillable desire to be fulfilled: the longing itself. Each woman speaks of sexual encounters in the context of her own theory of sexual fulfillment at the time. The shared information changes, the story line wavers, the nuance of interpretation re-examined from a perspective including the new one offered by the "other" makes the original insight questionable on many levels.

The book sometimes reads like false confession and other times like realized fantasy. It makes you want to write between the lines, to add your own point of view, your own illusionary truth.

I remember, for instance, one time in Provincetown, when I decided to follow a beautiful stranger home from the bar. It was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A chance encounter challenges two women to invent their own sexuality—and to explore the possibilities of passion.
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the hour of the wolf. The streets were empty and I walked five steps behind her, all the way through town. She let me follow her, without turning around, down the streets, through an alley, up the wooden staircase to her front door. She turned to me finally and asked: "What do you want?" I asked to go inside. She said: "No. It's not my house. I'm a guest. Besides, I don't want to. You're acting just like a man." The spell was broken. I left.

Now I'm reading this book, and I see a parallel scenario being spelled out by one of the characters, the lesbian, as she's recounting what she calls her best sexual experience (or was it fantasy?) to her confidante, the straight woman. Alma writes:

"The *bal masque* was the perfect occasion. My friends were my accomplices. They helped me create my outfit. A black tuxedo, black-and-white Al Capone shoes... a long white silk scarf. In the end I decided on a dark little mustache and a black catlike mask with a nose. My hair was parted in the middle. Gel, some spray effects of black and silver. I even colored the tiny hairs on my hands...

"I dream about those beautiful, decadent boys who have each other and the world at their feet. I train myself to play their role, I try to copy them. I fantasize being one of them...

"Having noticed that I had noticed him, he

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The Circus Was Always Yours: Dark Circus

Bindlestiff Productions

Everyone loves a circus. Or so they say. But the clowns used to scare me and usually made me cry, the room was always stuffy and smelled like manure, you never knew what the animals were going to do next, or really what it was about anyway. Even then, wanting to know what it's *about*. The circus was a harrowing experience.

Dark Circus, a new play by Bindlestiff Productions, directed by Chris Brophy and Chrystene Ells, playing in Eureka Theatre's late night series and going into extended run from August 2-18, is no exception. From the minute you walk in the door, assaulted by the freaks of the sideshow—a man pulling nails from his nose, a mime catcher with a hound dog and a gun, decrepit drinkers and screamers and wailers—until the moment the circus truck pulls away, *Dark Circus* takes you into an uninterrupted world that is quite a bit mad, and vaguely reminiscent of—you got it—the dysfunctional family. Like I said, harrowing.

Family may be the metaphor, but circus imagery and circus laughs and circus tricks, gravity-defying and electric, are what you get. *Dark Circus* itself was a complete sentence, a fully realized image from entrance to exit. Which is a thought I kind of like about theatre which so often rambles on in tangential ways or run-on clauses and phrases and never quite. *Dark Circus* moves from a slightly whimsical but always askew set of tricks to the darker stories of circus makers. Stilters, threatening to fall, move around the space. A constructed horse pisses at the feet of a rude audience member. The mistress of ceremonies wields her power like a knife. It's important to remember: This is a metaphor.

After a number of lighter, vaudevillian tricks, simple choreographed dances and off-key tunes, the circus warms up. The heckler drinks his beer and curses under his breath, chastising the ring mistress, who is rather abusive to her "children," disguising it all with a smarmy smile. She's a bitch who's supposed to remind you of your mom, and if not your mom, then at least the mom of your ex-lover or best friend, but she's definitely a mom you've known and are afraid of becoming. The scenes get heavier and heavier. An unhappily married woman with a baby has a quick affair with the milkman, which is interrupted when her husband walks through the door and starts brandishing his knife. An alcoholic magician lapses into drunken rant about the creeping rot of his life and loses it halfway through that trick where he sticks the girl in the box and tries to pass knives through her body. A vengeful doctor cuts up a hapless patient. Such rudeness always gets a nervous giggle because it hits so close to home, it reminds us of our own abusiveness.

Some sort of climax in the non-narrative narrative of the piece comes about when the mistress of ceremonies demands that one circus member do a death-defying leap from the roof of the building, and he does, and he falls, and he dies. Or something. In any case, we never see him again and the circus is never quite the same. The heckler in the audience takes to the stage at this point, barely able to contain himself, and starts advocating insurrection. He's a rather self-conscious portrait of all the anarchists I know, and there are a few too many self-conscious statements about piercing and tattooing and artists dressed in black throughout *Dark Circus*, but at this point, the circus dwellers themselves are nearly ready for revolt. The drunken magician, who has all but destroyed the woman in the box—an idiot savant in a green dress who's been quite charming all evening—was the last straw, and I'm noticing that just about everything's falling apart at this point and right, it's a metaphor, it isn't any different than what's going on outside the theatre, it's all falling apart. I was sadder than I thought when I walked into the theatre, and I absolutely got taken in by the same sadness inside. The environment, our relationships, abuse, addiction: our insides are sick. All the theatre I most like points a finger at it.

But the mistress of ceremonies has a trick up her sleeve, and the circus members know it and are cowed by it, even though the anarchist isn't. In other words: Be nice to me because I'm your mother and I can fuck you up for life. The ring mistress is played to a screaming edge, but I'm tired of her character, the caviling, punishing mother, Kali, the dark side. Isn't it usually a ring*master* at the circus anyway? When do we get to hate Daddy? Or better yet, when are we free of them both?

I think that's the ultimate advocacy of the anarchist, in his rhetorical push for "everyone taking responsibility for themselves," and while *Dark Circus* is cynical about the anarchist's agenda, the ending of the show was just ambivalent enough to keep me wondering. I'm not going to give it away, but he gets his and we get ours, and *Dark Circus* ends with a number of unresolved questions, which is all for the better, because really what it's about isn't resolvable at all, it's barely definable, and it's definitely worth looking at.

The Heart's Terrain

Anah-K Coates and Darcy Elman
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The heart's terrain the cave of the heart the center of the heart what's in your heart? listen now to the beating of your heart your hungry hungry heart quiet heart and broken heart a silent heart active heart open heart red beating heart loving heart happy heart sad heart sweet heart. What is in my heart?

Darcy Elman lies in a circle of flowers and apples in the gym of the Headlands Center for the Arts. To the left of her, outside the door of the gym, a blue silk hangs over the door; it flaps gracefully in the breeze. The small bridge leading away from the building is strewn with green apples, and, beyond that, the trees and grasses in the Headlands are in near dusk half-light. In the gym and slightly outside the circle, Anah-K Coates, choreographer of *The Heart's Terrain*, lies face down, a medicine belt strapped around her waist. Two lines of candles outside the circle where Elman lies flicker in the breeze; each of us has to cross this line of fire to enter the dance. Anah-K is dressed in red, the room is filled with the drumming of Richard Klein, Bill Quinn and Pati Airey, the audience leans against the back wall of the gym, waiting. Two innocent-beyond-words audience members pick up some instruments that will be played by the musicians at different intervals in the piece, and wander outside the gym, picking up apples and eating them, as if their presence there was purely coincidental. Post-modern nothing: I've never seen anyone do that, eat the props of a piece before it begins. Questions of frame come instantly to mind.

Anah-K stumbles out of the gym to stand outside the door on the path beyond the bridge and the apples. Darcy follows and so do we, the audience for this "medicine dance," this dance inspired by the work both Elman and Anah-K have been doing on their hearts in the past year. Or so says the program notes. The best clues about what the dance is "about" come from the environment itself, and the ways the dance has so obviously been made for this theatre. Darcy dances away from the audience—the whole dance takes place outside the circle of flowers and flames in the gym and entirely outside the gym itself. Or does it? Frame, again, what is the frame of the dance? *The Heart's Terrain* was an elegant exploration of its own environment. The sacred heart. The open heart. The heart sitting under a tree. The heart dancing a sun dance.

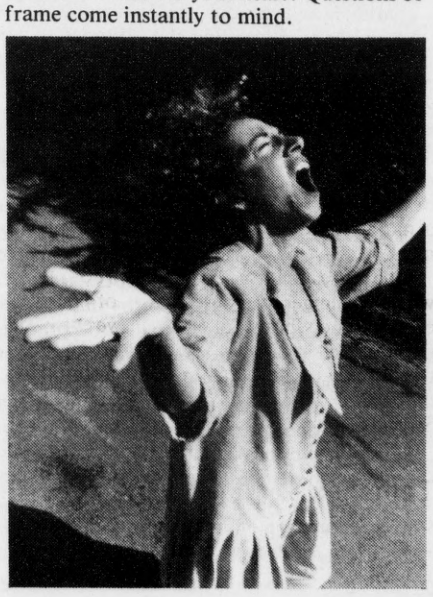
Darcy dances down the path towards a large tree and the sea and the setting sun. The phrase that came to me in watching her dance, a leap-hop-skip free sort of thing is: "the joy of the possession of the spirit." Because I can see her autonomy as a woman in her own element as she twirls and leaps and bends down to touch the ground with her hands, a woman in her body, dancing under the trees. The setting sun. The heart and the setting sun. She is with herself, she is with a wisdom in herself. I shade my hands from the sun, the wind is blowing pretty hard, I wish I had warmer clothes; the dance is about contending with the wind and the setting sun and the shifts from one viewing sight to the next as much as it is about its own internal story.

Anah-K meets Darcy down the path, away from us, and they dance together, Darcy on Anah-K's shoulders until they fall, and then in unison as they approach us, a small gestural dance, small feet, small hands. Interspersed with the movement are fragments of text: "Did you hear that?" "What?" "My heart beating..." Anah-K pulls a flower and matches from the belt around her waist and she and Darcy set fire to the flower, the hungry heart, the over-heated heart, the fiery heart, the hot heart, a heart that says awake at night, beating, a heart like a strange animal that's left home, a heart that beats forever.

Darcy climbs the bank across the path from the gym and, flanked by musicians, her yellow-green dress matching the terrain exactly, she does another quirky, gestural dance, quick hand movements, a swaying back and forth in her pelvis. Across the path, Anah-K is balancing a trough filled with water and spilling a quantity of it on her dress. The split image of the two women, framed by the different settings around them, creates an image of balance through imbalance, a union of opposites, the strongest metaphor of the dance for me. Because questions of the heart are inevitably questions of balance, are they not?—the balance of difference and opposites, the balance and union within any and every possible frame-container. Darcy climbs down the bank and sits at Anah-K's feet, twisting her skirt and drinking the water that runs off her dress.

The piece ends on the bridge with the apples, Anah-K having vanished through the blue, blowing silk, Elman delivering a well-integrated movement-text monologue about where she got the silk. "With what do you identify your cells?" she asks us. "Where are you going in such a rush?" She eats a few apples, throws a few off the bridge, offers us a few for ourselves. The performance ends as an usher gives the audience bread to eat, bread baked in the shape of a heart.

Someone said to me at the end: "So, what was it about?" (people think that because I write about it I actually know what it means) and I had to say: "What do you *want* it to be about?" Hot hearts, hungry hearts, tired hearts, sweet hearts, hearts of love, hearts of madness. What's in your heart? Questions of frame come instantly to mind.



DINING OUT

BY MERRY WINSLOW

Cha Cha Cha Cafe ★★½

1805 Haight Street, San Francisco
386-5758

This no frills eatery has everything required to classify it as a first-rate joint. The crowds waiting to be seated attest to the fact that I am not alone in the discovery. Notwithstanding the restaurant's popularity and no-reservations policy, I intend to return frequently. The Caribbean theme prevails in decor and menu. The place is bright and colorful, with gaudy yellow vinyl tablecloths and Christmas decorations, including a creche and two altars adorning the walls, which also sport large murals on whitewashed brick.

Jampacked and noisy on a recent Monday night, the loud music and clusters of diners waiting for tables contributed to the mood of anticipation that we had found a good place to eat. The extensive beer list made waiting pleasant. We sampled brews not often available, and our table was ready sooner than we had expected.

The menu lists a dozen Tapas, or appetizers, upon which we constructed our whole meal. There are, in addition, five Comidas—entrees—as well as salads and soups. On the blackboard were five more special tapas of the day and a grilled salmon comida, making the number of choices in this tiny storefront restaurant quite sufficient to satisfy any palate.

Our meal began with tortilla chips and salsa, unnecessary in light of the quantities to follow, but tasty, with a homemade tomato salsa cruda and fresh thick chips for dipping. Next came baguettes and a house salad ($2.75)—generous amounts of red leaf lettuce drenched in a light vinaigrette, accompanied by more salsa and garnished with tomato wedges. Fried Calamari ($4.75) was a heaping plate of lightly breaded squid accompanied by a lemon/garlic aioli—not too greasy, pleasantly spicy, cooled by the aioli perfectly. Shrimp Sauteed in Cajun Spices ($5.50) brought eight smallish prawns in a bath of creamy tomato sauce that was piquant and perfect for sopping with the baguette. Served in the small cast iron skillet in which it had been cooked, eye appeal matched tastiness. Grilled Pompano Wrapped in a Plantain Leaf with lime and garlic ($5.00) was another exotic looking dish. The huge drippy leaf folded around a half pound filet of fish was accompanied by more fresh tomato salsa and slices of lime. The pompano was perfectly cooked, moist and succulent. A side order of Rice and Black Beans ($3.75) completed our repast, and these were no ordinary rice and beans! The rice was studded with bits of tomato, pepper, onion, and green and black olives and was very tasty, as were the soft and well-seasoned beans.

Needless to say, the two of us were too full to try any dessert, which included four sweet and heavy sounding cheesecakes and tortes which might have tempted me after a lighter dinner, but sounded like overkill on the heels of what we had ingested. Some light sherbet or ice cream, or fresh fruit, would have been a more tempting and suitable finish to this meal.

One senses that this is not the sort of place where you linger over dessert and coffee—the energy is too vibrant for that—so we enjoyed the little tootsie rolls that were delivered on the tray with the check, and made our way through the door out into the throbbing pulse of Haight Street, feeling well fed indeed.

Temasek ★★½

1555 Clement Street, San Francisco
387-6556

This is another restaurant which deserves top honors for originality and quality in every department. Housed in a storefront at the corner of 17th Avenue and Clement, the simple, yet elegant, decor is accented by a few well-placed artifacts, and the white tablecloths, lace curtains, and raffia napkin holders provide a backdrop for food which is lovingly prepared and attentively served.

Temasek is the ancient name for Singapore, and the cuisine is described as "East meets West." Stressing that all of the dishes are made with the freshest ingredients, the menu boasts a small, but interesting-sounding array of items ranging in price from $3.25 to $9.95.

A large basket of warm, house-baked, whole wheat bread was served with a small dish of garlic aioli—a nice change from the usual butter—and tall glasses of orange-lemon infused water that come with every meal. The appetizers we ordered included Endives Farci ($3.75)—Belgian endives filled with sauteed tiger prawns, cashew nuts, and summer herbs, with a tangy lemon/cream/red curry dressing that accented the combination perfectly. Shrimp Bisque ($4.75) was a buttery broth studded with lemon grass, basil, thyme, and galangal, several more plump prawns, and a sprinkling of toasted shallots.

The entrees have provocative names such as Gobi Desert and Jasmine, which is a combination plate of steamed jasmine rice, black beans, and Thai basil served with a Sumatra-style vegetable stew. The Jasmine, at $7.75, was wonderful, flavored with basil/curry/lemon grass and shrimp stock with a hint of coconut milk.

Salmon á la Singapore ($9.25) brought fresh salmon marinated in lime juice, cayenne, oyster sauce, and shallots blackened on the outside while moist and flavorful inside. Accompanied by rice and steamed julienned vegetables, this was another winner. House salad served with the salmon was a nice red lettuce/shredded carrot and daikon/toasted shallot-topped plate garnished with what we referred to as mystery dressing, a house-made vinaigrette that tastes like none other. Quite good, if simple.

Six other entrees, several salads, a Pasta du Jour, and exotic desserts and house coffee that was very rich and of excellent quality complete the menu. Overall, Temasek provides flavorful and colorful food beautifully presented with seasonings that complement the natural flavors without overpowering them, in an atmosphere that is beautiful and warm, and at very reasonable prices. A gem of a restaurant!

Sex & Games...

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slowly lifted his head out of his hand, two fingers still on his cheek... I flashed my glance down to his feet—tiny, unlikely feet. Then upward again, searching his body... He placed his hand on the piano and rose up as if to show me what I was trying to see. The picture formed. I saw the breasts under the folds of the ample shirt and bolero. A woman."

Claire, the straight one, frowns at Alma and cuts her down: "You must be kidding... Strangers, masked identity, no risk involved. The easiest fantasy. How predictable! You want me to tell you how your story ends?"

Of course Alma makes love to the woman, after tying a silk scarf over the woman's eyes. Alma continues her story by telling Claire that the woman has kept the scarf forever as a trophy since "nobody had ever made love to her like that... She kept it as a symbol of her blindness because she let the stranger go, unknown. The lover of her life..."

Claire interrupts: "The lover of her life. What else? A woman! And how would your story claim a difference? Didn't your woman try to act precisely like a man?"

"My woman," Alma smiles, "my story tells that a woman is different with a woman—even if she thinks the other is a man."

Sex and Other Sacred Games is full of these strange little repartees, and it's also full of some more tedious discussions of mother Goddess theory. At times, Claire's arrogance and one-upmanship is infuriating. At times, Alma's morose mourning over her ex-lover and failed lesbian relationships undermines the carnal *raison d'etre* for women getting together sexually at all. In the end, each woman speaks only for herself, but the voices chime familiar melodies and we recognize the cultural attunement of both authors.

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Harjo...

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the sky, the only promises that ever make sense." In "We Must Call a Meeting" she begins "to draw maps of stars." She makes "prayers of clear stone/of feathers from birds/ who live closest to the gods." She looks for "you" who can help her "walk this thin line between the living and the breathing/and the dead."

And in "Resurrection" she travels to Esteli, a mountain town on the Honduran border in Nicaragua, where she realizes she has "no damned words to make violence fit neatly/like wrapped packages/of meat to contain us safely." In these lines she sets out the broad themes of her book, the intersection of love and war, of passion and violence, of desire and destruction, of nature and resurrection, of anger and forgiveness, of the living and the dead. She follows these themes and transforms prose into poetry, the written word into song.

"The Wars" section of the book closes with three finely wrought poems, two of which ("The Bloodletting" and "Unmailed Letter") are lesbian love poems of extraordinary beauty.

The final poem of this section, "The Real Revolution is Love," tells us of a breezy night spent with a group of friends in Managua, and solidifies the poet's vision of how the political, social and sexual are tied up together, and how each, separately and together, relate to revolution.

Harjo begins the "Mad Love" section of her book with "Deer Ghost," a three-part poem. In "Deer Ghost" the poet admits "There is more to this world than I have ever let on/to you, or anyone." She brings us closer to "this world" where dreams, lovers, and nature all conspire to help the poet live life to its fullest, in as many dimensions as possible.

In numerous prose poems of condensed language and imagery, Harjo filters her experiences and turns them into myth-like tales. In the best of these poems, "Original Memory," she writes about the difference between Native American time and Western time. She tells us of the Muscogee world, "which is not the flip side of the Western time chain but a form of music staggered in the ongoing event of earth calisthenics."

And in "A Winning Hand," Harjo asks: "Aren't our bodies mostly wind? And are I cursed, like the rest of us, with being able to smell but not see the world we are crazy for." Throughout these poems, and especially in the complex but fully realized "Hieroglyphic," a poem dedicated and addressed to the poet June Jordan, Harjo talks about the moment she turned to poetry, when walking on Fifth Avenue she knew her heart had become "a phoenix of swallowed myths."

The poet ends this section with "Heartshed," in which she likens memory itself to a war. She wants us to know that "in the beginning" does not mean going backward. "Our bones are built of spirals." She wants us to know that remembering, and remembering everything, is the necessary step out of anger and into forgiveness. Anger cannot restore her Native American culture but has led her to remember. And it is, perhaps, through this remembering, in this forgiveness in which anger has had its voice, that we can forge a love which is not mad love.

These circles of motions are brought to multi-dimensional life in Joy Harjo's *In Mad Love and War*. Reading these poems truly expands our vision and Joy Harjo's voice is music flying off the page and into our souls.

Looking at the landscape of her youth, Harjo recalls that her homeland did not predict "a legacy of malls and hotels." *In Mad Love and War* does predict a direction out of much of the bland malls and hotels of contemporary American poetry. Not many poets have been brave, or visionary, enough to follow this direction. As our century comes to a close, we are lucky to be blessed with a poet like Joy Harjo who is brave in her vision and whose voice is strong enough to be heard.

Resource...

Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr, SF. Provides evaluation for referral & treatment. SL fee. Info: Nestor Vaschetto, MD 750-5661.

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Lesbian Couples Therapy at Operation Concern. Offers lesbian relationship therapy—this can include lovers, ex-lovers, family or friends. Low fee, sliding scale. MediCal accepted. 1853 Market St, SF. WA. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

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► YOUTH

Youth Rap! Meet other young lesbians, gays, bisexuals (or wondering), age 22 or under, in a friendly, supportive group. Talk about sexuality, coming out, dealing with parents & friends. Speakers, videos, social events, etc. Thurs, 4-5:30 pm, 1700 Jackson St nr Van Ness Ave, SF. Info Rik or Holly 558-4801.

Lesbian/Gay Social Group for high-school age students. Info: Christin 554-7632.

Youth Group for Gay/Bi or ? Women & Men age 23 or under. Drop-in. Suggest topics, make friends. 1:30- 3 pm, Sat at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Peninsula Gay/Lesbian Youth Group discussion/social, Sun at 2 pm. Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 856-1144, or write POB 60782, Palo Alto, CA. Group is not church-affiliated.

Slightly Younger Lesbians & Gays, a social/support/activity group for men & women under 25. Meets every Sunday, 1-3pm, San Jose location. Info: (408) 293-4529.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: see Hotlines & Referrals.

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Young Lesbians: weekly support group for those 25 & under, Santa Cruz location. Info: Valerie (408)427-3862.

Peninsula Young Gay Men: support group for gay men under 23 who live in the Northern Peninsula. Info: 979-8864.

Join the GAY Group (Growing American Youth) group, open to gay men & lesbians 23 & under. Meets 2nd & 4th Fri of each month, 7 pm, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.

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Children of alcoholics/addicts group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.

Prevention & Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers. See Addiction Recovery.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.

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Diversity is also sought in terms of age, partnership and marital status, ethnicity, geographical location, and personal & professional background.

The study is structured as a confidential and anonymous survey questionnaire that can be filled out in about one hour. There will be no personally identifying information in the completed report.

The researcher is a bisexual person, a licensed psychotherapist, and a graduate student in the Ph.D. program at California Institute of Integral Studies.

For information and questionnaires for yourself or for other interested persons, contact Ron Fox, MFCC, at: P.O. Box 210491, SF, CA 94121-0491, or at (415) 751-6714.

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Lesbian-feminist therapist seeks lesbians for participation in research on conflict in relationships. If you have ever hit or pushed your lover, or been hit or pushed by your lover, and are willing to talk about your experience, please call Alison at 626-4226. Confidential 90-minute interview. Lesbians of color especially encouraged to call.

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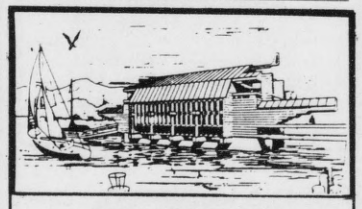

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Women's Therapy Group focusing on issues such as life transitions, work, ACA/co-dependency, relationships, loss/grief. Tuesday evenings, $30/session. Joan Monheit, LCSW (LCS10832), 845-1557.

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Women's HIV Group. Therapy and support group for women with HIV disease. Call Marlene Ritchie, MFCC (MFC24627) 431-5778 or David S Johnson, MFCCI (IMF12706), 664-6138.

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■ RECOVERY ADDICTION/ SUPPORT GROUP

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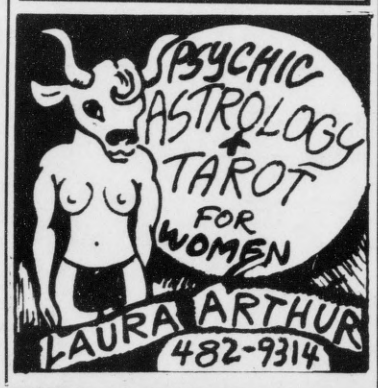

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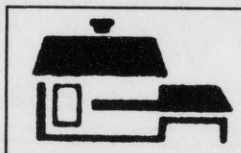

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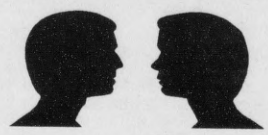

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creative, healing oriented, improving our assertiveness skills. I'm an enigmatic, 5'7", hazel eyed androgynous artist. Get to know me thru skills exchange: your handstitching, word processing, cooking, sailing, arts dance lessons, etc. for my advanced bodywork and Tai Chi instruction. Concoct a trade—my time is yours. Later romance me—I am yours. Tantric equation dreamt: Love^{5}honesty & simplicity^{5}gentleness. No smokers, abusers, workaholics, please. Personalized, detailed self-descriptions with phone number guaranteed response. Photos returned. Aloha! Reply BT Box AG14.

Sensual, Sensitive, Secure

Intelligent, handsome, youthful, trim, healthy 41 WF with sarcastic humor, emotionally and financially secure. Lover of beauty, nature, family. Values honesty, loyalty, integrity, dependability. Interests: Music, cultural events, comedy, sports, travel and fine dining. Nonsmoker, nondrugs, and moderate alcohol consumption, seeks happy, mature, feminine GWF thirty-something to forty-something with similar characteristics, values, interests, for friendship, companionship, potential relationship. Compatible signs: Virgo, Cancer, Capricorn, Pisces, and yield. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 435, Pacifica 94044.

Saftig Butt

Yes: chocolate, Betty Boop, ethnic, funny, brainy, over thirty. No: dogmas, cigarettes, cult/church-goers. Sober but no twelvestepford wives. I'm 37, professional and talented, but alas, chronically penniless necessitating budget entertainments. Sex for you is connected to love. You're not afraid to feel and don't claim to know all the answers, but raise damn good questions. I dress funny and don't dance well. Reply BT Box AG15.

If at First You Don't Suceed—Try, Try, Again

Single lesbian 39, seeks single lesbian mid 30s-40s, who is honest, communicative, emotionally and financially stable, sensitive, dependable, responsible, smart, fun monogamous and likes music, including modern rock, dancing, museums, travel, and the arts. Goal is long-term relationship. Please, no smoking, drugs, or cats (ah-choo!). Light alcohol ok. Reply Boxholder, 2966 Diamond St., #119, SF 94131.

We Met in Chicago

Cinderella, do you remember our encounter in Chicago on June 2, at a bar called Paris? I nearly ran after you when I saw you walking out the door that night. Since that evening I have regretted not pursuing my intense attraction to you and your ability to communicate so precisely. I would like to know you. You were in town for the Consumer Electronics Show. I had just come back from the Cher concert. Your beauty, sensitivity and intelligence were overwhelming. I am a discreet, sensitive, financially secure, multifaceted lesbian. You left no glass slipper, only your first name, and that you have a friend in Chicago. Would you like one more very special one? Reply BT Box AG16.

Purrfect Playmate

LCL (Luscious Chocolate Lesbian) seeks other woman of color for friendship or more. I'm catlike, sometimes romping playfully like a kitten and sometimes you can hear me roar. But really, I am lots of fun, intelligent, intuitive, caring, thoughtful, bold, sensual and into the unusual. I love to dance, especially salsa and calypso. I'm adventurous but safe, enjoy the purr of a motorcycle and the scent of leather, love to laugh, love to love, but not into casual sex. If you're allergic to cats, don't worry, I don't have one—no respectable kittycat would ever live with another who changes periodically into a lion. Ready for some leonine fun? We could camp, take long drives, talk politics, romp, wrestle, swat, hiss... Reply BT Box AG17.

Seeking Geminine Women

RSVP for those who are independent thinkers, attractive, possess feminine energy, discreet, above average I.Q., professional, romantic, funny, and adventurous. Ages, 36-54; ideally familiar with definition of "spirituality" and more sane than not; must be honest, have integrity and a well-developed "child within." Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 45, Mill Valley 94942.

East Bay

I'm an attractive GWF, 43, professionally and emotionally secure homeowner. I live in the southern end of the East Bay. My likes: racquetball, reading, country music, traveling, animals (especially dogs), lots of quiet time at home, cuddling in front of the TV, spas, giving/receiving massages, neatness. I'm not into dancing (feel like a klutz!), bars, astrology, crystals, religion. No drugs or smokers. Light social drinking ok. In mannerisms I'm slightly more butch than femme, but contradictorily, a homemaker type too. Tell me about yourself and send a photo if possible. Reply BT Box AG18.

One Date At a Time

At Gay Pride I marched with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Lesbian Moms, Dykes from Hell, Living Sober and the surprise favorite "Dykes Against Processing." I am committed and irreverent. I work in the theatre, as a nurse and for social change. I'm 40 and returning to Oakland after a three-year absence. Be fun—have fun, honest, open, willing. What the heck let's give it a try. Reply BT Box AG19.

Racquetball Racquetball

Imagine... getting hot and sweaty, panting for air, every muscle strained and aching, all in the vertical position, and you don't need to make me breakfast in the morning? OK, I admit it. I'm not looking for someone to just give me good racquetball. I'd like someone who also gives good friendship—not buddies, not pals—friends. You remember, we had them when we were little and life was less complicated, when all relationships were important—not just the ones we woke up to. Yeh, it's weird to put ads in for this, but maybe its the nature of the urban beast. My vitals: I'm 28, law student. I eat and drink fluids. You alive, but will accept all others on a case to case basis. Reply BT Box AG20.

Someone to Rekindle My Passion

Has it been a long time since someone special gave you a slow deep tender, stirring kiss that let you know why you love being a lesbian? How long since you had dinner, dancing, laughter, intimacy? —Talked only with your eyes because your heart knew already? How long since you had passion that runs from the tips of your toes to your head? Let's spend some time together horseback riding, time at the lake, Sunday paper and brunch w/friends and time alone, bookstores, old movies, cuddling by the fireplace, candlelight meals at home and at our favorite restaurants? Independence, education, humor, communcation, honesty, romance are very high on the list. For me it's been too long. Let's not wait any longer. Let's rekindle our passion. Reply BT Box AG21.

Searching?

Do you long for someone to share your life with? Do you think that you know how to nuture a relationship? If so let's meet. Professional, feminine, lesbian 31, seeks mature, stable, sensitive, self-aware, professional woman (30 to 40) for long-term, monogamous, committed relationship. I enjoy music, books, movies, weekend getaways and snuggling in front of a fireplace. Trust and honesty is essential. No drugs or heavy drinkers, please. Let's be friends and see where it leads. Reply BT Box AG22.

A Good Book and a Crackling Fire

are (almost!) all I need for a perfect evening. I'm an attractive, athletic, emotionally stable woman, mid-twenties. I've an extensive sword/sorcery library, can conjure gourmet meals from ordinary household items, love Thai food, and am on a quest for the perfect cup of coffee. I live in the redwoods and love walking on foggy beaches in bulky sweaters. I'm moving to S.F. in 1991 for graduate school. Looking for correspondence with potential for date when I'm on one of my frequent trips to the City. No 12-steppers, S/M, smokers, alcoholics, drugees. Photo/reply to Boxholder, Box 857, Arcata 95521.

Lively, Passionate

Are you happy with your life, your job, your body? Do you feel strong, assertive and confident? Do you have insight, intelligence and humor? Do you like to talk and listen and just be silent? Do you enjoy weird movies, good books, music? I'm 30, clean & sober and a bit of all of the above. Progress and willingness count. I'm looking for a partner in crime for good sex, easy affection and especially for mutual support and spoiling. Write me, explaining. Reply BT Box AG23.

Great Catch in the North (East) Bay!!!

Mature & healthy, cultured & educated, independent, Spiritual woman desires same within 30 minutes of North Vallejo, for an affair & friendship (i.e. intimacy & commitment without excessive attachment). I really must insist also that you are 35-45, expressive, open-minded Spiritually, and

Dykes to Watch Out For

Mo STARS IN
A Breach of Etiquette
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WHERE ARE THEY? MY STIR FRY IS RUINED!
YOU SHOULDA WAITED TILL THEY GOT HERE TO START COOKING. I RECALL MENTIONING SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT ABOUT 40 MINUTES AGO.
YEAH, WELL IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM IF THEY SHOWED UP WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO.
DING DONG!
HI! MMM.. SMELLS GOOD! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
SZECHUAN VEGETABLE PULP!
HI CLARICE! HI TONI!
LISTEN, I'M SORRY WE'RE LATE. WE, UH.. LOST TRACK OF TIME. TONI SORTA SEDUCED ME WHEN I GOT HOME FROM SCHOOL.
HEY. I JUST WANTED A QUICKIE! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED WE TAKE A FOAMING LAVENDER LOVE BATH!
OH, GREAT! YOU WERE MAKING LOVE WHILE MY STIR-FRY DECOMPOSED!
MO, FOR GODDESS' SAKE! WILL YOU TRY AND BE CIVIL? LET GO OF THE @*%&@ STIR-FRY!
I MEAN, YOU'D EXPECT THIS SORT OF IRRESPONSIBILITY FROM SOME LOVESICK NEW COUPLE! BUT YOU GUYS ARE IN A RESPECTABLE, LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE SEX!
YEAH, I KNOW. BUT OUR HORMONES HAVE KINDA GONE CRAZY LATELY.
IT'S BEEN LIKE FALLING IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN EVER SINCE WE STARTED PLANNING OUR COMMITMENT CEREMONY.
PUH-LEEZE! NOT AT THE DINNER TABLE!
MO, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT HAVING SEX DOESN'T MEAN NO ONE ELSE CAN!
HARRIET! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DISCUSSING THIS IN FRONT OF COMPANY!
HMM.. HAVE YOU TRIED SEX TOYS? OR ACTING OUT YOUR FANTASIES?
DO YOU WANT OUR THERAPIST'S NUMBER?
COULD WE JUST EAT. PLEASE?
IT'S OKAY. THESE LIMP, GREY THINGS ARE STRING BEANS, NOT NIGHTCRAWLERS.
the Soliloquy
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... SO HARRIET AND I WERE SUPPOSED TO SPEND SUNDAY TOGETHER. BUT THEN ARIADNE CALLED TO SEE IF I COULD WORK FOR HER AT THE BOOKSTORE, AND I SAID I WOULD. NOW HARRIET'S REALLY PISSED AT ME.
YOU SEEM TO BE DISTANCING YOURSELF FROM HARRIET. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE AFRAID OF?
I DUNNO.
SHOULD I TELL HER HARRIET WANTS TO HAVE SEX AND I DON'T?
SHOULD I TELL HER HARRIET'S JEALOUS BECAUSE ALL I TALK ABOUT IS THERAPY?
SHOULD I TELL HER HOW I LOOK FORWARD ALL WEEK TO COMING HERE?
I WONDER IF SHE LIKES ME?
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT HER JOB TO LIKE ME...
STILL, DOES SHE?
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
UM... NOTHING. HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE? ARE YOU GONNA KICK ME OUT?
KICK YOU OUT? NOT SO LONG AGO YOU WERE RELIEVED WHEN OUR TIME WAS UP.
WELL.. NOW I KINDA LIKE BEING HERE. I'D LIKE TO JUST, UM... STAY, Y'KNOW? FOREVER.
AH! OF COURSE! WHO WOULDN'T? SO DO YOU FEEL REJECTED WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEAVE?
WELL, YEAH. LIKE I'M JUST ANOTHER CLIENT. LIKE I'M JUST A JOB TO YOU, Y'KNOW?
BUT I LIKE YOU, MO! AND I LIKE MY WORK! I ENJOY OUR SESSIONS.
SHE LIKES ME!
YOU DO?
OF COURSE I DO! BUT I SEE OUR TIME IS UP NOW. LET'S EXPLORE THIS FURTHER NEXT WEEK. SHALL WE?

of course no smoking, drugs or workaholism (occasional spirits ok). I'm all of the above, & although I don't want a clone, some of my passions may grab you: great conversation, movies & dinners, cuddling & lovemaking, short backpacking trips & long picnics, sign language & my job, aesthetics, eclectic music, — oh and passion! Peaked your curiosity? Reply BT Box AG24.

Sweet, Down-to-Earth Lesbian

ready for a relationship with an equally sweet woman of heart and substance. I'm a 32-year-old tradeswoman into books, humor, outdoor fun, and quiet times at home. Looking for a nonsmoking, nonsubstance abusing woman who's loving, communicative, independent, politically aware and who has good friends. I'm attractive (but not flashy or "chic"), and want to share my loyal, romantic side with a special woman. I like walking, bicycling, X-country skiing, retail therapy and all kinds of movies. Open to women of all races. Reply BT Box AG25

Sex/No Sex

Want to meet San Franciscan women for dating and other mutually satisfying persuits. The goal is to re-establish circle of friends/extended family to fill that ever so important human need to be connected, to share/support our lives...and have fun. Got to start somewhere. Reply BT Box AG26.

Older Professional Woman

Attractive blonde, age 45, kind-hearted and inexperienced, seeks woman age 40-60, femme body & hair type, good-natured, animal loving. Please, no bikes or poverty cases! Reply BT Box AG27.

Cowboy-Girl Seeks Filly

intelligent, complex, caring woman who is imaginative, emotionally mature, nonjudgemental and eclectic, with a streak of sleaze, a touch of class, a sense of adventure, some real depth and a desire for intimacy in various forms. Object: You name it, but let's put some magic in our lives! Reply BT Box AG32.

Friends and/or "Liaison" Pals Wanted

26-year-old college-educated Hispanic lesbian interested in making friends with 21-31-year-old college-educated Black and Hispanic lesbians for stimulating conversation; attending ethnic events with; attending visual and performance arts events with; going out dancing with and/or occasional casual sexual liaisons. No smokers, heavy alcohol or drug users, or S/M'ers, please. Reply BT Box AG33.

Sweet City Woman

(Exceptionally cute, too!), seeks attentive, soft, uptown girl to share strawberries, champagne and bubble baths. Tired of kissing those downwardly-mobil frogs? Try this sensitive princess with a passion for movies, opera, theater, books, Nordstrom, people, the 49ers, romance and room service. (I can't cook worth a damn, but once we've met, food will be the farthest thing from your mind!) I'm freshly 40, 5'7", and 125 lbs of warm and wonderful woman. I'd rather two-step than twelve-step, but emotional honesty, a commitment to your own personal growth, a willingness to experience intimacy are required. You must also possess a sparkling sense of humor and delight in life. Smokers, heavy drinkers, nonrisktakers and the emotionally unavailable need not reply. All you other lucky women reply to BT Box AG34.

Deep-Voiced, But Straight-Looking

GF, 45, 5'6", blond, Latin, professional, attractive, seeks friends/buddies/relationship. Prefer 35-50 from the East Bay, straight-looking or androgynous, financially and emotionally stable, not the sporty type, but likes long walks, travel, long/short drives. Like me, you are affectionate, compassionate, romantic, honest, sincere, likes to cuddle/talk/communicate. No drugs. Social drinking/smoking ok. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5393, Hercules 94547.

Irreverent Humor Appreciated

by attractive, ample woman, age 43, exploring long-held but mostly unacted-upon desire for a relationship with a woman who too values spirit, self-confidence, sense of personal style, affection, and intimacy. Pleasurable moments involve gatherings with friends of all genders, ages and backgrounds; ethnic food and great merlots; pets; weekend getaways. Not into labels (too limiting); trends (too short-lived); drugs or smoking. To explore with me, reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 881901, SF 94188-1901.

My Dream Woman

is a blonde beauty, full of fun and truth, sophisticated yet simple, feminine yet energetic, artistic (especially dance and music) yet stable. I am a handsome, dark Italian, well-educated and artistic, feminine yet like to lead, full of romance and passion in search of my dream for my 32nd birthday. Reply BT Box AG41.

Sincerely Yours

Sometimes silly, somewhat athletic, health conscious, emotionally mature (ok, so I'm still working on it) GWF in my 30's hoping to meet kindred spirits. Interests include foreign film, restaurant exploration (anything hot and spicy), Eastern philosophy, music (into classical of late), bicycle touring and my career, of course. I'm drawn to women with beautiful eyes and self-awareness... someone who is known for her laugh. Reply BT Box AG42.

Looking for Ms. Right

I'm warm, loving, independent, early forties. Sometimes intense, with a strong sense of humor. Have a healthy sense of who I am. I'm open, honest, value intimacy, and want someone who shares these qualities. I love literature, music, writing, long walks, pretty sunsets and romantic dinners. You're 35-50, not afraid of intimacy or communication, and want to work on a healthy relationship with the right person. Sound right to you? Then reply to BT box AG 43.

Hot Fun and Games

Attractive, Soft Butch/Top seeks romance with warm, affectionate femme or androgynous fox. We are both 30-45 and long for hot, wet, passionate love scenes. You taste luscious, are clean, and always ready for a juicy meal and uninhibited play. I am humorous, independent, professional, and unattached. Enjoy outdoor fun, slow and fast dancing, fine dining, and overnight getaways. Possible relationship if emotionally available to be monogamous. Reply BT Box AG44.

Soul Searching

is 2 searches: what am I asking of her? of myself? Ideally, the responses coincide. This is not an ideal world. However, I'd still like to meet a kindred soul—a femininely fiery woman who's compassionate, honorable, thoughtful, positive, warm, wise—and see where heart and head lead us. Hopefully, you'll be uniquely intelligent, unusually attractive, able to laugh, free to speak your mind, show your feelings...be self-supporting, nonsmoking, involved in work/profession you enjoy, lead an active productive life that still allows time for us. Hopefully, I'll be able to offer you the same. I'm in my mid-40's, androgynously attractive in a French-Italian kind of way, affectionate, approachable, trustworthy, smart, expressive, forthright, opinionated, responsible, unpretentious, solvent, emotionally intense, monogamous once attached, passionate about justice, life, love. Happen also to be a middle-class college grad, left-leaning news junkie, published freelance journalist, aspiring writer, green thumb; good cook, lapsed Catholic, sometime solitude-seeker, ardent attentive lover, occasional wine drinker, loather of passive smoke and lover of: flowers in the house, conversation, long walks, NPR, classical-to-country, nature, travelling, sports, ethnic eateries, cult movies, live comedy, a good night's sleep, and dreams I can remember, and live. If you believe more in the journey than the destination and don't expect/want immediate enmeshment during our compatibility/boundary search, please send me a thoughtful, lengthy letter and I promise to RSVP ASAP. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 460628, SF 94146-0628. We tend to see what we carry in our hearts.

Dyke Seeks Same

I spend most of my time doing socio-political work yet PC people can nauseate me. This fun-loving, very young (but legal) Jewish assertive, energetic, nonsmoking, vegetarian, lesbosian Amazon warrior (in a socio-political sense), is seeking the company of a butch wild woman who's not in a rut. Who are you? Reply Boxholder, Box 174, 2124 Kittredge St., Berkeley 94704.

Winning Smile

Twinkling brown eyes seeks same... or shades of blue, green with twinkling smile. I've been around long enough to know life's ups and downs, joie de vivre still intact! Seeking a woman mid 30s - mid 40s. Do you have wheels, mountain bike, that is? I do, so let's do it together. Feel the wind in our faces, the smog in our nostrils, the sun beating down... Oy vey, sounds like a trip across the desert. Wait! At the end of the ride, a glass of wine, or a latte, we discuss Madonna's face, Jung's *Divine Child,* dance to Busia or Marley. Are you a woman who can celebrate her femininity? No Birkenstocks, hairy legs or more than one tattoo need apply. Reply BT Box AG45.

Rebate Offer

for return of similar following qualities: attractive, caring, feminine woman. A genuine selective woman over 40 who enjoys a quiet life with passion and affection, if not sophistication. No retreads, please. East Bay bonus. Reply BT Box AG46.

A Real Woman to Me

is full of life and love; cares for her body as well as her mind; acts from her heart with courage and compassion; lets herself be affectionate and vulnerable; is independent, playful, and spiritually grounded; wants to meet a cute, athletic 27-year-old who loves metaphysics, the environment, music, dancing and living life with a sense of purpose. Let's play! Reply BT Box AG47.

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I Want a Man

I am a bi-male, 41, 5'8", fit 137 lbs, immersed in the female: I have a bi woman lover, two daughters, women friends, colleagues, and students, and a female appearance. I want a man intrigued and amused by the unusual, who enjoys dancing, dining, and romantic evenings, to blend some masculinity into my life. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 7881, Berkeley 94707.

Let's Get Real

Looking for that special lady, also bisexual, for a committed relationship. (Enjoy, a lot, my sex w/men, yet truly fall in love w/women [*You,* can break my heart!]). Previously married (now, have a few answers), looking around with sensibility. Stats: 42 yrs, 6'1", 175 lbs, Bl/Blu, HIV(-), Aquarian cuddler. Enjoy: Back-packing, running, S-boards, X-C-skiing, mountain bikes, fireplaces, limos, and dinners for *two.* Financially secure, emotionally together, *not* sexually confused. How about *you*? Reply BT Box AG300.

Bi-Sexual

Single, straight, white male, 32, very clean and safe, has growing bi-curiosity, would like to share colorful fantasies and explore pleasures with a M/F couple. Sense of humor, communication, fun and discretion essential. Race and age unimportant. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market, #195, SF 94114.

Submissive Male 40's

I'm looking for a bi female who enjoys a-man-on-his-knees-bound-to-please expert muff-diver who expects nothing in return. Also would like to explore humiliation, total mind and body control, with dominant female or couple who will take me to my limits. Any age, race, if sincere. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 31249, SF 94131.

Entering the "No Relationships" Zone

Watch for attractive, sensitive, irreverent woman seeking same in lean, somewhat androgynous, reasonably articulate man or woman for stimulating conversation, warm hugs and casual adventure. Love animals, hate sports. Dancing's fun, but don't even try to re-arrange my life. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 88-1901, SF 94188-1901.

(A)Typical Ad

Young (20's), bright, professional, well-mannered, handsome, active, Bi Black Male, seeking a charming, pretty, bright, well-mannered, Bi Female (25-33 yrs), for dating, with the intention of defining, developing and committing to a relationship that we are both comfortable with. For moonlight walks, candlelight dinners, outdoor sports/activities, museums and lots of special attention from a wonderful Bi-guy, reply to BT Box AG301.

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SOCIALGROUPS

The Lavender Hill Mob

A "brotherhood" of masculine gays, bisexuals, and heterosexuals. Our general meeting and cocktail party is held in San Francisco every other month. Regional meetings and parties are held in the East Bay, San Francisco, Mid Peninsula and the South Bay. For more information, write to Boxholder, P.O. Box 610055, Redwood City 94061.

We've Now Got The Time!

We are a group of "early retired" guys, mid 30's, bright, gregarious, humorous, nice looking, who are seeking other "early retirees" for social activities. Let's use our free time now to meet nice people for a walk in the park, a museum exhibit, a concert or even lunch. Use your ability or "disability" to fully enjoy your days and evenings in our company. Reply BT Box AG400.

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My One Dream

My first Steve Reeves movie at 9-years old began my attraction toward muscle men. I pump iron but I'm not a competition BB nor am I looking for one. I would just like to meet a man who works out regularly, believes in a healthy lifestyle, and has a physique similar to my own stats of 40" chest, 30" waist, 14" biceps. My favorite things include: candlelit dinners prepared by me, 501s and t's while dancing at the I-Beam, designer fashion when out for a romantic night on the town, Designing Women and other fun TV, Rick Astley, Lisa Stansfield, KBLX, KCBS, dim sum, democrats, art, public display of affection, sensual massages, X-videos, titplay and bodyworship. In this greater Bay Area there must be one muscular man who can accept my Asian features in return for the affections of a smooth, muscular, highly sexual man with a heart of gold who will be there for you. I'm a young looking, feeling, acting 40, 5'7", 150 lbs, moustache, HIV neg. No smokers, drugs, Greek sex. Photo, please, and info. Reply BT Box AG70.

Ecstatic PWA

Still very alive and well after all these fears. Lover of life and humanity in all its forms with healthy wit, curiosity and intellect. Physically very tall, very lean, very muscular, very handsome and very passionate. Relative newcomer to Bay Area needs other brave and loving souls to help blaze a trail across the sky. Look forward to hearing from those who keep the fires burning brightly. All races. Photo and phone gets same. Reply BT Box AG71.

Doing Anything?

So what are you doing reading this ad? Looking for a significant other? Do you really think you will find one here? Well, if you do, then read on. Listen, I can understand how you must feel. Check this out, here I am an HIV negative, professional, handsome, athletic, brown-hair, brown-eyes, masculine, 5'11", 172 pounds, GWM and single! What a shame, especially since I feel I have so much to offer. But hey, let's face facts, at 34, I have become shall we say, very certain of what I want, and with whom, and very guarded. Ideally, my significant other would be like me, close to my age, and possess the sincere quality of spontaneous caring and being. Yeah, kind of like a catalyst, you know; activates a chemical process, but does not get consumed or destroyed by it. So, if you are interested in finally meeting a no B.S. kind of guy, send me your pic. and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box AG72.

Raw

Kinky, overweight, 5'10", soft 205 lbs, brn eyes, long brn hair, hairy olive skinned Russian/Armenian w/a passion for adventurous sex play w/ tough, raunchy, heavy-hung bears, BBs, bikers and businessmen. Exhibition, group scenes, S/M, tit/ball torture, ass appreciation/exploration, WS (give & receive), leather, uniforms, shreaded 501s, spandex, black slips & nylons, evening gowns and spiked heels accompany mutual smacking, hot, sweaty, safe rough play finishing off w/ heavy man-to-man affection. Reply BT Box AG73.

Radical Dude

Would you believe socialist swimmer? I love rock'n' roll, country, fringe theatre, touching, tan lines, offbeat flicks, silos, Southwest canyons, Costello, Robert Cato, Church Lady, Madonna, Midnight Oil, Malcolm, London, Lessing, Hawaii, racquetball, snorkeling, biking, Picasso, Rivera. Compound Q (aggressively asymptomatic). Am 36, 5'10", smooth. Seek someone who's also bright, honest, silly/serious, nonjudgemental. Summer's here, the time is right for dancing in the street. Reply Boxholder, Box 8074, Emeryville 94608.

Hot, Mature and Ready

to meet same for a committed relationship. Me: 42 y.o., professionally established, masculine man. I meditate regularly and see spirituality as the real point of my life. My biggest vice is sex: I'm HIV negative, Top/versatile. I don't particularly like walks on the beach, but hey, I'm open to new ways of having fun. You: HIV negative, masculine, Bottom/versatile. Your head is not up your ass, you are up to your neck in your own life and your heart is strong enough to be tender with another man. You are goodlooking, professionally established, and in your thirties. Let's meet and talk. Photo a must. Reply BT Box AG74.

Untitled

You're a kind-hearted, handsome, naturally masculine, hairy (very nice, but not an absolute must!), spiritually curious man. You've been playing it safe like me, and you want a deep monogamous relationship to grow and have fun in. I am a mature college student, fun, deep, often both, 6'0", 160 lbs, black hair, very hairy, green eyes, handsome and sincere. Let's talk, share interests, and get to know each other. These aren't as easy to write as I thought! To have a handsome, sweet, sincere lover who is a good friend sounds so nice. Don't you agree? Send reply, phone (if you wish), and photo. Reply BT Box AG75.

Lover & Unusual Sex

Singer, published book, looking to sell mellow music. I like John Denver, Streisand, Peter, Paul & Mary, HIV neg., 35 y.o. Versatile sex, but no pain or domination. You must be HIV neg. Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box AG76.

Bodybuilder Seeks Buddy

29 y.o. GWM, Latino, black hair, blue eyes, BB/waterpolo player, seeks very muscular, intelligent and warm 21-33-year-old GWM for friendship, safe fun and possible relationship. I am 5'9", 167 lbs of lean, hard muscle, kind, somewhat wild, intellectual, handsome and HIV

Remember!

Mail your personal ad responses to the new SF Bay Times address:

288 7th Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

(you can pick up your replies at the same times as always—Tues-Thurs, 2-6 PM—our office is located on 7th Street, at the corner of Folsom.)

Our phone number is the same: (415) 626-8121

I've got a country heart with city smarts. I'm more butch than femme, but don't fence me in. (I'm a goin' courtin'.) This is what I do: Bodybuild, CW dance, ballroom, chess, cartoons, campin' hikin', ridin', open doors for the ladies and bring 'em flowers. Sci Fi movies and books, laugh a lot and I'm very good humored. I gave up cigarettes and whiskey, so all that's left is wild, wild womyn. This desperado is 5'9", 158 lbs. buck naked, cactus green eyes and short, straw-colored hair, of German ancestry, and I'm a Leo. 'Nuff bout me, what about y'all? Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 92, South SF 94083.

Sail Away with Me

I am strong, sensitive, caring woman looking for the right princess to change my life. I'd love to wine and dine you, bring you little gifts, tell you secret stories. Let me fulfill your dreams. I am 35, GWF, 5'2". Reply BT Box AG28.

In Living Color

Black, attractive, intelligent woman, 36, with 4 y.o. son and a dog. Seeks another sistah/friend. You are free of past relationships and ready to move on, intelligent, attractive, 35-40, fairly simple/feminine to soft butch, not too thin. You enjoy various activities. If you're ready for fun in the sun, shade and bedroom, please send letter and photo. No drugs. Social drinking or smoking ok. Reply BT Box AG29.

Peninsula Singles

Where are you? I'm looking for friends and romance close to home, but willing to drive to S.F. Ideal would be a long-term committed relationship. I am 43 y.o., intelligent, attractive, feminine, have many interests from cycling and tennis to symphony and movies, and seek same 37-50. No smokers, substance abusers, cats or dogs. Take a risk and write! Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 4732, Foster City 94404.

Looking for Friends

We are both professional women (as opposed to amateur women), who live in the City and would like to make new friends. One of us believes that broccoli causes psychosis. Other than that, we both enjoy irreverent humor, music, dancing, cooking and wines, and weekend trips. So, drop us a line. Reply BT Box AG30.

Wanted—Sensuous Lesbian Playmate

who is sexy, feminine, seductive, playful, single and nonsmoker. I enjoy slow, intimate lovemaking. Don't need love to enjoy sex. Together we will explore many areas of lesbian sexuality—sensuous kisses, massages, oral pleasures, sex toys, light bondage and fantasies. No S&M. No bisexuals. No novices. Send letter with photo and telephone. Tell me about your sexual fantasies. Reply BT Box AG31.

Sexually Restless

Woman, intelligent, attractive, mid-40's, seeks an

Can Lesbians Date?

Probably not, but I'm trying! Friendly, cute, responsible, WF, 29, with sarcastic sense of humor, seeks down-to-earth, yet slightly offbeat women (25-35) for dating...ok...ok maybe more. I enjoy movies, plays, exploring new restaurants, nights in the City, walks with my dog, weekend trips and discussing everything from politics to the latest in pop culture. Reply BT Box AG35.

I am interested in meeting women 26-34, who are feminine, slender, stable, and won't want to move in together after a month. I am 30, attractive, blonde, 5'5", 128 lbs, androgynous/femme, independent, intelligent, humorous, and still believe in sending flowers. I am NOT into S/M, smoking, drugs, bar flys, or confused children. I enjoy dining out, theater, and adventure. I am attracted to outgoing personalities, but it is the shy one who steals my heart. Reply BT Box AG36.

Strong, smart, sweet, sensitive

sensual woman looking for friends and maybe even a lover. I'm into massage, long walks and other outdoor fun, dancing, snuggling. I'd like YOU to be open, mellow, self-loving, independent, and age 37 or older. Children and small vices are fine. Reply BT Box AG37.

Not Your Everyday Dyke

Stunning, dark-haired, well-toned, progressive thinker seeks very attractive, slim androgynous to ultra feminine women, 22-36 for play, romance and possible relationship. No intimacy issues or couples counseling on the first date. Will respond to photo/phone. Reply BT Box AG38.

2 Snaps And A Circle

This is one way we can meet. Hello, I am a 32 y.o. Afrikan-American lesbian looking for friendship with other Afrikan-American lesbians to pursue the adventures of the Bay Area and our lives. I enjoy attending community events, dancing, travel, people-watching, healthy conversations, laughter and breakfast at Royal Cafe. Sistahs let's connect and weave a world that affirms our paths and have fun doing so. Umoja! Reply BT Box AG39.

Catholic Girl Gone Bad

40-year-old Catholic girl gone bad. No chance for salvation. Seeks bad girls (Catholic or otherwise) for flirtation that leads to mortal sin...again and again. Reply BT Box AG40.

neg. Please send letter with description and way of getting in touch with you (i.e. phone number). Picture welcome but not necessary. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #146, SF 94114.

Seeking a Life Together

Italian, HIV neg., 40 y.o., goodlooking and fit, stylish, adaptable, considerate, talented in many ways, adventurous and uninhibited, sexually more top than bottom, wants to meet similar goodlooking, healthy, self-assured, nonsmoker like me. Let's share our free time as we get to know each other. Goal: a life together. Please respond with photo (returned and exchanged). Reply BT Box AG77.

Boingo Fan?

Sure, I like cute, young guys, but I hate attitude, fashion slaves, shallow or narcisistic types. No wonder I detest labels or the gay scene. I'm looking for a boyish guy who has danced his ass off at an Oingo Boingo concert, caring less about style, skill or the latest step. I hope you're out there! Reply Boxholder, Box 250, 1630 N. Main St., Walnut Creek 94596.

Looking Hard

for a very attractive GWM, 20-30, to share my time with. I am a 19-year-old GWM working student, very attractive myself and well-built, wanting a worthwhile guy badly. Photo a must, and/or thorough letter. Reply BT Box AG78.

Real Hot Butt

Goodlooking blond artist, 36 (looks 26), 5'6", lean, toned, smooth, with great hot butt (oral and versatile too), interested in meeting hot men with real big, thick, hard dicks for safe, intense fucking. Other passions include food, nature and mysticism. Reply BT Box AG79.

Here's the Deal

GBM, 36, 5'8", 132 lbs., HIV negative, handsome, intelligent, employed, Gemini, shy sometimes, aggressive others, would like to experience the friendship of other caring men who are 25-38. I have been in a long-term relationship, but that has changed. Let's keep the evolution going! I enjoy intimate dinners, conversation, movies, dancing to a house beat, among other things. You are sexy in your own way, passionate, versatile (primarily bottom), open-minded, attractive, honest and healthy. Send letter and photo (returnable) to BT Box AG80.

Best Is Yet to Come

Mid 50's, 5'8", 180 lbs, dark hair, moustache, attractive, honest, sincere, mellow, professional masseur. Like beaches, music, travel, theater, good coffee, sex. Want caring, honest, intelligent, low-key partner, sense of humor, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs, healthy. Looking for friends and/or relationship. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #440, SF 94114.

S&M HIV +

Frustrated and angry? Let's take it out on each other in bed. A leather paddle always helps. Some verbal exchange too. No flowers and fireside dinners. Just raw sexual aggression for what frustrates us. Moans and the smell of burning rubber is entirely possible. Me: 40s, HIV pos., 5'11", 160 pounds, brown eyes, Phil Silvers' hair. Photo a must. Discretion assured. Reply BT Box AG81.

Homosexual But Not Gay

I can't help it—I like *masculine*, straight-acting Topmen who are at least 5'9", fit, educated, beardless and HIV negative. I'm 5'9", Bottom, Br/Br, 150 lbs, fit. I'm an avid cyclist, car fanatic, VCR devotee. I have a greedy libido, but only play safe. If you're Harvey Firestein, save your stamp. If you're Greg Lougainis or Matthew Broderick, write me (w/photo) and convince me that you like men. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1235, Pacifica 94044.

My Eyes Are Open

Handsome, intelligent, youthful writer, 39, 5'10", 150 lbs, br/br, excellent health. I'm passionate, creative, funny, well-traveled, complex, curious and irreverent. Enjoy hiking, movies and theater, dinners in, working on my house, extended cuddling and the exchange of ideas, both ridiculous and profound. I've HIV neg. and prefer same. Seeking mutually stimulating, nurturing friendship that may develop into committed relationship. Prefer nonsmoker, politically left, age 30-45. Sense of humor and healthy sexual appetite are musts. Letter/photo Reply BT Box AG82.

Distinguished Bananas

I'm an enthusiastic 54-year-old Jewish man of medium height and build. I'm healthy, witty, moral (not to be confused with sexually repressed), and established. I'm looking for an intelligent, responsible (and responsive), person to share good times with. Let's compare interests. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 127, 2707 College Ave., Berkeley 94705.

East Bay Guy

I'm a GWM, 44, 5'11", 160, attractive, friendly, sense of humor, stable, leading the quiet life in declining suburbia. Enjoy reading, traveling (with someone), politics, garden, music. I would like to meet a man 35-50 who is honest, has integrity, is interested in compatibility and companionship. I have good health, job and family. If I sound like someone you can relate to, please write. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AG83.

Want Brains, Butt Not Butt Brains

You're brainy, in shape (not was or wannabe), masculine, 33-53, pleased/amazed with humanity's survival, own books with words, nonsmoker, light drinker, like film/sports, preferably HIV neg., not overly materialistic, bottom/versatile, and want to meet a verbal, strong, silent type. I'm 43 5'10", a buffed 196, GBM interested in your brain and butt (note order). We're both real. Let's discuss our dreams. Handwritten reply to BT Box AG84.

Quick Answer Needed

Handsome, newly single GWM, 42, gray hair, blue eyes, 6', 165, bottom, seeks hunky, dark-haired stud. You take charge in bed. I want to rub my face in your hairy chest. You and I are HIV neg. and like to suck cock. You know just how to chew on my neck to get my legs up. Hurry, I'm horny. Photo and phone. Reply BT Box AG85.

Yes, It's Time

If you seek a committed relationship, know how to take care of yourself, exercise daily, masculine, risk-taker, 35-40, and HIV neg, let's get together. Me: 6', 185 lbs, GWM, Bl/Bl, HIV neg., 35, Top, prof., playful, and ready. Photo appreciated. Send your phone number. I will call. Do it now. It's the frist step to a new beginning. No smokers or drug users. Reply BT Box AG86.

Rancher

Burley, beefy, bearded, 45-year-old, 6'2", 210 lbs, very healthy. Sometimes enjoy travel. Just returned from USSR. Seeks HIV neg, responsible, stable, honest guy—younger or older o.k.—who might like to live in the country all or part of the time. Flat top, crew cut, hairy chest are turnons. Please no personal ad veterans or those with repetitive 80/90 hour working weeks. Reply BT Box AG87.

Attractive, Warm, Sensitive, Caring

supportive man seeking monogamous relationship with butch man. I'm HIV neg. and seek same. Me: 5'8", 175 lbs, Br/Br. You: Masculine, hairy chest/stomach, goodlooking, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs. Send photo and phone number/address and I will contact you ASAP. Reply BT Box AG88.

Muscular Bondage Top

Looking for true bodybuilders/athletic jock type bottoms who enjoy getting "muscle-bound," and having their physical capabilities stretched and tested. Top is 5'10", Br/Br, mustache, 160, muscular, very handsome (ex-commercial model), 30's, GWM, with honesty and integrity. (You should be 20's-30's, novice to knowledgeable). Photo and note describing desires a must for reply. Reply Boxholder, 584 Castro, Box 105, SF 94114-2588.

Spiritual GWM

Looking for equal mate, wanting to play lead role, needs monogamy, touching, cuddling, pampering. Must be sensitive to human causes. No drugs, heavy drinker or bar scene. Me, young 50-year-old dad of three sons, 5'10" brn/brn. Likes most music, theater, C&W dancing, city and country views and quiet times. Comfortable in suits or levis and boots. Not impressed with your *things*, your biceps or dick size, but what's inside. A plus for Virgo, Capricorn, Cancer or Taurus. One six-year gay relationship ended. Want lifetime mate. HIV neg. Send photo, wants, likes, dislikes to Boxholder, 15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Suite 109 377, Los Gatos 95032.

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Masculine, goodlooking, light black man, young 40, 6'2", 200 lbs, muscular, but not defined, professional and well-educated. I enjoy movies, music, photography, biking and short trips. I seek an honest, humorous Asian or Latin friend for a long-term friendship. Photo/phone appreciated and returned. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 4324, Hayward 94540.

Masculine Bottom

Handsome, hung, smooth, WM bottom, 41, with sensitive tits and kinky imagination ready to be a masculine pussy for a goodlooking together, fit, big-dicked (cut) top. FF, Toys & Water. Seeking a buddy for regular friendship and uninhibited play. Safe & healthy! Letter with phone to Boxholder, P.O. Box 640084, SF 94164-0084.

Small, Dark, Handsome, 30's?

Are you 30-40, white or Latino, dark hair and eyes, not hairy? 5'10" or less, average to slim build, quiet, uncritical, not a jock or worldbeater, even shy? Sometimes leather, boots, and tight 501's on the outside, but always loving, gentle and sweet on the inside? Do you like romance, holding hands, cuddling to Mozart or Cleo Laine, being held all night, endless kissing? Prefer j/o and oral sex? Want a monogamous, life-sharing relationship? Smoke (or tolerate it)? No drugs, little alcohol, HIV neg.? Then consider writing with photo to this responsible, sober, unathletic, but goodlooking silver fox, 46, 5'11", 175 lbs., who will treat you with kindness, respect, understanding, and if we click, limitless affection. Reply BT Box AG89.

Easy For You

to read this "meet market" ad, but difficult for me to write it. I'm 41, 5'10", stocky, dark hair/eyes, nonsmoker, HIV neg., professional, versatile (depending on chemistry). I'm looking for straightforward, handsome (You should think so!) man who cares about life. I drink red wine, eat in Italian and French restaurants and love opera. I run and bicycle, cook and travel. Independence, anti-death penalty, commitment, humor, love of pizza and ice cream are important. I like flowers, little kids, sunsets, big dicks, Gore Vidal, Jeopardy, my friends and juxtaposition. Send letter, phone, photo, cash or check. All replies answered. Reply BT Box AG90.

3's Not A Crowd

Lovers, Latin 27, blond, beard 37, seeking a 3rd for friendship, fun and great sex. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 191502 S.F. 94119.

Lost in Space

Warning, Will Robinson, Warning! Attractive 32-year-old attorney who has been searching the universe for intelligent lifeform approaching. Ideal: fun-loving guy, from any planet, between 21 and 30 who wants somebody to give him the love and commitment he deserves. Duties: Co-pilot space craft for continuing journey with honest, humorous, down-to-earth guy in great shape, 5'10", 175 lbs. No stowaways, Dr. Smith types, or Trekkies need reply. Transmit letter and photo (returnable) to: BT Box AG91.

I Want It All and I Want It Now

I have an exuberance for life that I find hard to contain. I want to play in the sun and hike in the woods and see Samuel Remy and be with friends to laugh for hours and tape "Twin Peaks" and watch "Diva" again and read Anne Rice and win 6-0, 6-0, and then find something even more fun to do tomorrow. And, yes, I want a man to share it all with me. You should probably be 30-45 (I'm 39), GWM and extremely handsome and incredibly sexual and keenly intelligent with a furry chest...or maybe not. If you are as pleased as I am that life truly is what you make it and you're ready for whatever may be around the next corner, rush right out to the mailbox with your reply. How could you regret it? Reply Boxholder, 2261 Market, #481, SF 94114.

Chokes for Black Dad

Handsome WM, young 38, muscular, 150, 5'8", dark hair and eyes, straight-appearing, seeks fit, black man who likes long, slow, good head and obedient, respectful attitude. Discipline, recycled beer accepted if offered. Boy to be on-call for Dad's 100% satisfaction day or night. Discretion assured. If interested, reply with note to BT Box AG92.

Old-Fashioned Romantic

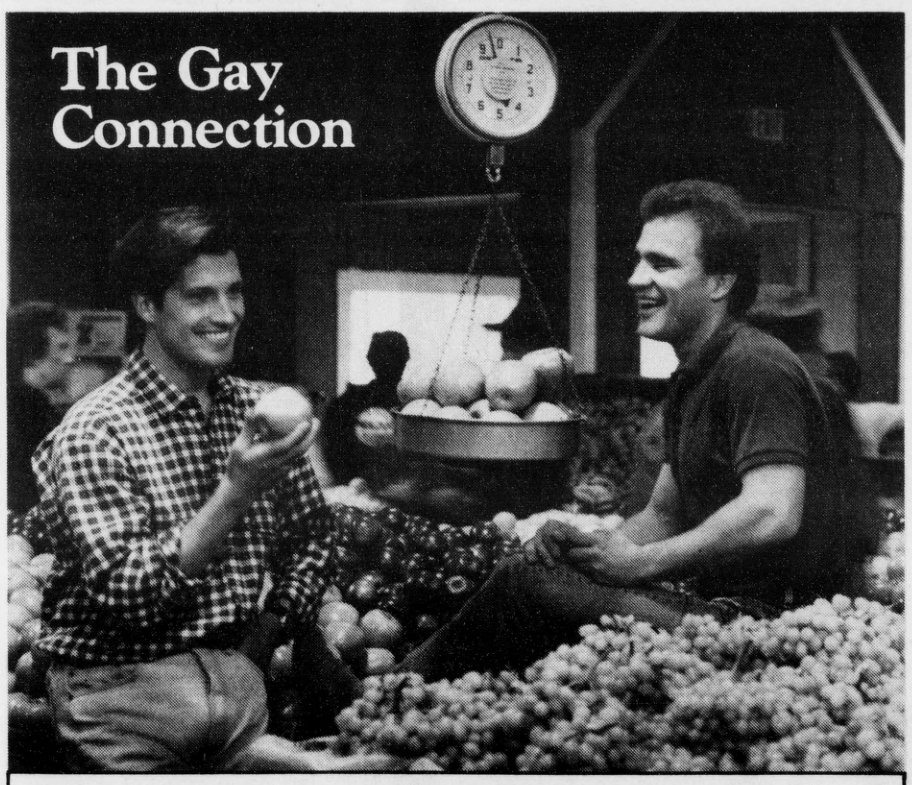
Professional, goodlooking GWM, 41, 5'11", 170 lbs, brown/blue, mustache, HIV neg., new to area. Looking for one man to share a monogamous and fulfilling relationship. Am eternally optimistic. I enjoy the beach, biking, good conversation, dining out, exploring, staying home, Ogunquit, and most of all holding someone close. If you're honest, sincere, between 32-50, and have both feed on the ground; and if you are interested, then please reply with letter and photo if available. Reply BT Box AG93.

Is It Lonely on the Top?

Well, let me tell you it can get lonely on the bottom too. This GWM, 37, 6'0", 185, grey/brn, beard, hairy, HIV neg., is looking for a masc., bearded, mellow, GWM, bear-type, who's into cuddly, romantic evenings, easy conversations, honesty, food, walks, movies, cable, WWF. The thing that is most important is the thing that is not seen. Letter and photo, if you can, to Boxholder, P.O. Box 2722, So.SF 94083.

To The Point

GWM, 33, 5'11", 165, blond, bearded, HIV pos., very energetic, playful, intelligent, sexually



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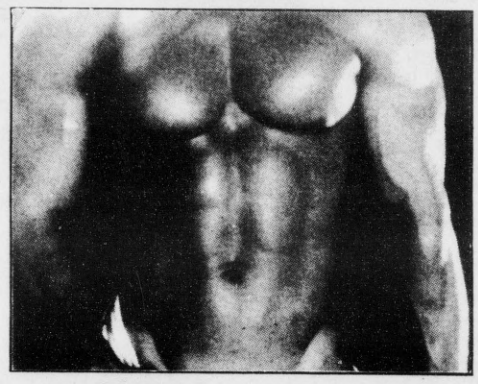

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Playmate Wanted

I am a 52-year-old going on 4½, and I'm looking for a playmate. I didn't have much of a childhood, at least I can't remember it, and I'm trying to have one now. I want someone who is willing to learn to play too. Doing things is only part of play; getting there is also a part, but mostly I think it's learning to let go and be me. I'm looking for someone that I can develop enough trust with to do that. I like playing the piano (Ragtime mostly), riding my motorcycle (Kawasaki 454), some movies and it's fun walking to Castro Street, eating out or just having coffee somewhere. I want to learn to play sexually too, but for me that part must come after I trust enough to play nonsexually and when I turn 12 or 13. If you are interested in getting together to play, reply to BT Box AG95.

Hung and Hungry

for head. 5'9", 165 lbs, brown hair, moustache, blue eyes, healthy, 47, very well hung (thick). F/p is the specialty but not the only interest. I'm sound and stable, wry and vocal, with interests galore: books and theater, walks and talks, town and country, food and sex. Dark skin, body hair, passion, originality are plusses. Seek sexual friendship, open to more. Letter, photo, phone? Reply BT Box AG96.

Sacto Boys—Let's Play!

Gay Latino, 34, 5'9", 160 lbs, blk/brn, HIV neg., is looking for GWM, 18-28, in the Sacramento area. Let's go swim at Auburn or Folsom, run, camp, tell stories, laugh and ?? Reply BT Box AG97.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Son

Affectionate, attractive, GWM, 39, 6'5", 200 pounds, seeks cute GWM, 21-35, with nice buns to play with. I'm French active-passive, Greek active. Specialties include assplay and light spanking. I like to give pleasure—not pain. You'll be squirming for more when I get through with you. Optional safe sex follows. Hugs and kisses too. Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box AG98.

Filipino Boyfriend Wanted

I liked my former Filipino boyfriend so much I'd like to find another. He left because the relationship was becoming too serious for him. He was only 22 years old. I am a GWM, 32 years of age, 5'7", 140 lbs, a professional artist who would like to settle down in a one-to-one relationship with someone who feels the same. I don't like bars and I'm not part of the gay scene. What else am I to do. So, I'm giving the personals a try. I am looking for an adult between the ages of 26 to 36, who is serious about settling down. Someone down-to-earth, not a hair-do or fashion victim, having honesty and an artistic sense. Someone who is emotionally secure and considerate of others (i.e. not a jerk!). Boy is this a tall order! But if you think you may come close to any or all of the above, write and send a photo. Your photo gets mine. Please, respond only if you are a person with a sense of adventure and fun. Sitting across a table with a date who doesn't wish to be there is an excruciating experience. Reply BT Box AG99.

Physique & Commitment

Intense, lustful, professional, physical man, 40, 5'9", 180, solid, muscled physique, seeks similar health-minded, grounded man for dating relationship/potential committed monogamy. We've been through the carefree, hedonistic 70's and are ready to explore and further develop our *real* stuff as men of the 80's and beyond. I'm a gregarious "put it right out there" guy—a complete giver who seeks the nourishment and mutual support of a man who's ready for a true, complete, male relationship—one that's based on integrity and truth. But let's not forget our playful, adventurous side. I work hard to play hard and want you to feel freedom of spirit to be you—the you that you know you truly are! Let's go for it, guy! We both need to give to one another. Reply with photo (I guarantee its return), to Boxholder, P.O. Box 460585, SF 94146.

Hot, Compact Model

GWM, 37, HIV negative, 5'4", bld/blu. An active, sinewy, smooth body waits for the right admiration. Bright, spirited, adventurous, quiet and gentle. You: 25-45 y.o., HIV negative, stable, easygoing, 5'6" +, S Bi G (A, W, B, I) M who enjoys life. No feminine, alcoholic, jaded or yupped people, please! Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AG100.

Friend and Good Times

Handsome Asian, 31, 5'10", 160 lbs, well-built, nonsmoker, HIV neg., seeks clean-cut, masculine and healthy GWM for friendship and safe good times. Not into bars or drugs. Photo (returned) appreciated. Please reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 282165, SF 94128-2165.

Aggression and Affection

Part animal, all man, clean-living, athletic, realistic, seeks same for ongoing relationship featuring oral domination/servitude, body contact, cuddling, more. I'm top, bottom or reciprocal, WM, 44, 5'8", 165, muscular, average hung, bald, bearded, healthy HIV-, positive, responsive, imaginative, experimental. Your fitness, energy and character matter more than age, appearance or dimensions. Not into poppers, sleaze, apparel, images or wayward spouses. Reply Boxholder, Box 30173, Oakland 94604.

Married Man

sought by very attractive Asian man, 33, for that hot, extra, safe, discreet, mutually understanding and ultimately much needed affair. I am good-looking, healthy, athletic, clean-cut, nonsmoker, HIV neg. No drugs. Photo (returned) appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 692, Millbrae 94030.

Dear Friend & Lover

I am a gentle, bright, healthy, mostly joyful gay man seeking a dear friend as lover. A friendship in which affection, tenderness and knowledge will guide us to loving one another and to our sexual pleasure and contentment. We'll share our feelings as honestly as we can, with compassion for past hurts and mutual respect for our differences and boundaries. We'll play and have fun. With thoughtfulness and caring we'll move through what causes us sadness or anger. I want to dance with you, laugh, sing, cry, talk of life and ice cream flavors and all things between, walk hand-in-hand in the park, be quiet together, prepare a meal together, have good sweet sex on a sunny afternoon, go to a concert, a movie, maybe to a lecture. I am 5'10", 145 lbs, black and white hair and moustache, with warm eyes and generous smile in a fine face. An attractive man. I am a Jew—not religious—and I have a heartfelt and strong social conscience. I am open to loving a man of any race and national origin. Of much meaning is your freedom of mind to reach out to—or your being—an older man, for I am in my 50s. I am HIV negative. I look forward to your letter. Write: Boxholder, 2980 College Ave., Suite #2, Box #6, Berkeley 94705.

Sail or Remodel Houses?

Looking to meet GWM, 32-52, who loves or wants to do things similar to my interests. I'm GWM, 50-ish, 5'7", 155 lbs, brn hair, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV neg., self-employed professional. Like sailing, swimming, traveling, snorkeling, dinners, symphony, backgammon, dominoes and remodeling houses. Reply BT Box AG101.

Aloha Asian Men

I live on the island of Maui in Hawaii. I'm interested in making friendships with cute/good-looking Asian men 26+, under 5'7". I'm 34, masculine with masculine goodlooks, blond, blue, moustache, 5'7", 155 lbs, tanned, muscular, swimmer's build. I'm honest, sincere and an incurable romantic. If the chemistry is right, my aloha spirit welcomes you to the Valley Isle. Your photo gets mine, so let's not waste time. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 2345, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753. Mahalo.

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the right *Man* a lifetime of love, happiness, caring, commitment...and more. This goodlooking, straight-acting, 31-year-old GWM, 6'2", 180 lbs, light brown hair, hazel eyes, hairy chest, HIV neg, basically bottom, enjoys taking care of a *Man*, both in bed and in life. If you are an honest, attractive, clean-shaven, nonsmoking, 28-40, HIV neg, GWM with a great sense of humor, great body, hairy chest? Dark hair? Salt-n-pepper hair? and know what you want in a monogamous relationship...let's talk. I enjoy the outdoors, gardening, animals, cooking, friends, romance, art, architecture, candlelight dinners, learning and sharing. So what do you say? Photo (optional), letter, phone. Reply BT Box AG102.

Are You Ready

for a one-on-one relationship? Are you 28-40, stable, intimate, and attractive? Is honesty and communication important to you? If so, then I may be who you desire. 29-year-old GWM seeks special man for monogamous relationship. I am 5'7", 160 lbs, bl/bl, a healthy, stable professional who enjoys friends, cuddling, walks, music, quiet times, art and more. Intimacy, sensuality and communication are key in providing a healthy environment, and are qualities I seek in you. You do not require the bar life or do heavy drugs; occasional joint and smokers o.k. Take a chance, you won't be sorry. The ball is in your court, so pick up a pen and send letter and photo. Reply BT Box AG103.

One Good Man Deserves Another

Handsome BM, 5'11", 180, mid-forties, very fit, distinguished, stable, successful, HIV neg., enjoys the good things in life. Seeks dependable, steady friend or relationship, any race. Write Boxholder, Box 10705, 490 Lake Park Ave., Oakland 94610.

Asians/Latins/All Races 18-35: Philosophy, Music, Slowhand Videos...

Goodlooking GWM, 29, 5'9", 150 lbs, hairy, clean-shaven, simple/stable lifestyle, seeking friends (+?) with similar interests: Matt Ramsey, Squirt Cummings, Peter North, Bobby Rivera, Randy Ramos, Kevin Chang—Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Jaspers, Buber, Chaplin, Newhart, The Far Side, Twilight Zone, Lovecraft, Tolkien—Sade, Sting, Elton, Rundgren, Santana, Prokoviev, jazz... Anything in common? Photo and letter. Reply BT Box AG104.

Sole Searching

for those that have sexy, soft, healthy, ticklish feet that like to have them slowly stripped and played with, massaged, licked and made love to (18-35). Feater-master is in early thirties, Br/Bl, 170 lbs, 5'10", handsome boy-next-door type. The fun doesn't stop just at your feet. No drugs or heavy

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HIV- Sex Buddy

Until I'm again in a relationship, I'd like—and need—a regular sex buddy/friend. Handsome, sexy GWM, little guy, 5'5", 125 lbs, 35, black/green, moustache, moderately hairy, HIV neg., horny and naturally masculine, seeks goodlooking, affectionate, in-shape HIV neg. bigger fellow (top or versatile), about 30-40, who also prefers one regular safe sex buddy to many. Let's discover what really drives the other wild, then take our good 'ole time at it. Photo requested and returned. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 14481, SF 94114-4481.

GWM, intelligent, attractive, honest, romantic, self-assured, sensual and humorous, seeks similar Caucasian or Asian gentleman, 35-45. I am a 29-year-old professional, 6'3", 195 lbs, with brown hair and hazel eyes and am looking for nurturing companionship with the possibility of a long-term relationship. If you enjoy good books, music, films, tennis, dining out, long nature-filled walks and are someone who cherishes new adventures as well as quiet times at home, then we should meet! Reply BT Box AG106.

Affection and Sex

This tall blond wants a hairy man to nest with. We will cuddle endlessly. Small-endowed is a big plus because I would love to learn to enjoy anal sex the way I enjoy oral. I am not small myself and hope you like it big. Affection and sex will be the cement of our relationship. Replies sought from serious relationship seekers. At 34, the biological clock is ticking. Reply BT Box AG107.

Lazaris?

Ever notice how at workshops it's hard to manhunt (so much going on inside and all)? I thought I'd try here. I'm 28, strong, sweet, good looks, and built. Possible friends welcome too. Send photo (a good photocopy is fine), if romantically interested. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 150493, San Rafael 94915.

Hot Marin Co. Daddy

seeks horny exhibitionist sons and their friends. If your dick is always falling out of your running shorts, if you have a boner that won't stop, a handsome Bl/Bl, 140 lb, 40-year-old Daddy can take care of you. Show it to Daddy and he'll show you how to work it like a man. Photo and phone, please. Reply BT Box AG108.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish looking, 30 y.o. GWM, lt.br/gr., 5'8", 140 lbs, clean shaven w/hairy, trim body and butt, would like to meet handsome, muscular, independent man, 30-40's for sinsational evenings. Reply with photo (returnable) to Boxholder, P.O. Box 230, 740 A - 14th St., SF 94114.

Kindness, Passion and Style

Traits I have and desire in others. Handsome gentleman, 28, 5'11", slender, blue eyes, cleanshaven, HIV neg. with interests in the fine arts, nature walks, fine food and wines, and social issues. Enjoy weekend camping to the opera in black tie. I value feelings and empathy. Nonsmoking, attractive GWMs 26-36 who share some of these qualities are invited with photo/phone: Reply BT Box AG109.

Masculine Men Wanted

Young man, 30, likes older studs 50 yrs and up. Friendship, quality time, good sex. Masculine a must. Leathernecks, crewcuts, greying hair, farmer types, truckdrivers, fishermen a plus. Chuck Yeager, Eddie Albert, Glenn Ford and Spencer Tracy send me! Get it? Write: Boxholder, P.O. Box 28693, San Jose 95159.

Wanted: Head Master

Handsome BM, 46, gym-toned, well-endowed, staying power, HIV neg., enjoys long, slow, good head. Wants steady action. Interested reply to BT Box AG 110.

I want a Dream Lover!

so I won't have to dream alone. Wil Wheaton would be terrific—but let's get real. I am divorced father of two in my forties who is loving, tender, caring, romantic, sensitive, loyal, HIV neg., brave, clean & reverent. Looking for a long-term, monogamous relationship with someone born after 1970, who adores an older man. Asian, Hispanic a plus. Please write Boxholder, P.O. Box 7807, Oakland 94601.

Desperately Seeking Daddy!

Relationship-oriented GWM, 37, 6', 220 lbs, cuddly, cute, warm, friendly, sincere, HIV neg., emerging from a 9-year relationship, currently exploring leather and bondage, into safe, healthy scenes, seeking white or black men 35-50, top masculine, patient, willing to guide. Mutual interests should include classical music, movies, theater, travel and nature walks. Please send letter and photo (if possible) describing your idea of the perfect evening to BT Box AG111.

Coffee Vampire Seeks Pirate

Macro thinker is looking for hangout pal to share fun, music (alternative/modern rock, reggae, classical); art, motorcycle interest, cars, audio, things of quality/oddity, romance, nocturnal safe play, perhaps long-term. Tell us more! I'm a GWM, 25, 5'10", 135 lbs, br/gr, no caterpillar under nose. How do I get mine? If you're 20-28, lt. drinker, no cotton for brains, send name of galleon and letter/phone to BT Box 112.

Special Guy Seeks Another

GWM, 34, 6'5", 190, Bl/Bl, handsome, athletic jock, professional, HIV neg. Sounds familiar! Now for the rest. A romantic, from flowers and cards to sunsets on the beach and weekend retreats. Loving and caring, a gentle kiss, a warm touch to a burning climax of passion. A person capable of putting 110% into a relationship. Looking for a lover and my best friend. You: Believe in the same, 30-39, tall, hairy chest, athletic, no drugs or smokers. Photo with response. Take a chance! I did! Reply BT Box AG113.

Muscle Worship

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs, seeks muscular guys who enjoy pumping up, flexing, posing, oil, mirrors and having their muscles appreciated. Seek big bodybuilders or lean defined types including Blacks and Asians. Especially like pecs and peaked baseball-shaped biceps. Have muscle videos and enjoy taking physique photos. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6655, SF 94101.

Slightly Rubenesque

Bright, witty, very healthy chubbette, hell of a nice guy, desires meaningful, life-long, monogamous relationship. Or whatever. Here's me: 46 years, 5'11", 215 flabbish lbs., brown curly hair, opposable thumbs, not totally insane, usual human faults, mostly bottom, mostly oral, mostly virgin ass (very few intrusions, all condomized), lite bondage fantasies (restrained and at your pleasure —Oooohhh!), standard sized dick, absolutely NOT into pain, Volvo, house, dog, Macintosh. Here's you: 38-50 yrs or so, NOT chubby, HIV neg., bright, optimistic, don't smoke tobacco, in charge in bed. Write: Cramped Resident, Box 156, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114.

Sacramento—A Vast Wasteland

Which explains the reason for this ad! Cute GWM, 30, 5'6", with great swimmer's build from daily swimming workout, desires to meet attractive, masculine Asian male, 20-30, who also likes to keep in shape. If you're honest, sincere, with a good sense of humor (like me), and might even consider living in Sacramento, please respond with photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 28242, Sacramento 95828.

Friendship/Relationship

wanted by attractive, professional GWM. I'm 35 years old, 5'6", 135 lbs, brown hair, mustache, HIV negative and a nonsmoker. My favorite activities are bowling, golf, tennis and sharing quiet times with friends. I'm looking for a gay man 21-35, who would like to be friends and possibly have a relationship. For a prompt reply, please write with photo and phone number. Reply BT Box AG114.

Gentleman Prefer

GAM, 5'7", 145 lbs, HIV neg., seeks GWM for long-term relationship and/or friendship. I am somewhat shy, affectionate, and attractive. Would like to know someone who can express himself. Must be slender and HIV neg., under 45 y.o. Please send letter, photo (will return). Reply BT Box AG115.

Men who have played out a lot of dramas in their lives already and are wanting a deeper peace, security and connectedness to self. I still like a big, hairy, muscular, reliable, daddy, masculine "bear." I know it's another drama of the mind. But, it's where I'm at (or think I'm at). Yet, others encouraged to write for ideas/friendship. I am handsome, good shape, and searching for true purpose. Reply BT Box AG116.

Americanized Brit

Brush up on intercultural relations. Me: 24, 6', slim, HIV neg., longish dark hair, hzl eyes, devilishly handsome, witty, mischievous, artistic. Into low drama/trauma lifestyle. Very black-humoured, yet romantic and often plagued with moody idealism. Looking for like-minded 20-30-ish long-haired (optional) rogue who has run the gamut with "dating" and is more inclined to the "settle down" mode. You should live in S.F., have a broad range of interests, and not be afraid of the lower Haight after dark! Please include a pic (returned) and a scribble. Reply BT Box AG117.

Yet Another Prince?

Bright, handsome, masculine, energetic, healthy, successful, professional, GWM, 43, 195, brown/hazel, clean shaven. I enjoy lots of activities, running, hiking, canoeing, bowling, working, skiing, rafting, meditation, reading, shopping, etc. Definitely a morning person, by evening I'm quiet, calm, provacative and enjoy low key activities. Looking for a committed friend/lover 30-40's, who will both complement and contrast me. Reply BT Box AG118.

!Lonesome Hombre!

GWM, 25, 6'2", br/br, 185 lbs, top, attractive (college looks), intelligent, friendly. Looking for friendship and something more. I am a nice guy, so please give me a chance (hope I don't sound pathetic). I won't whine about hating the bars because I'm just too shy to talk to anyone there. Maybe you've seen me. Are you 18-28, GWM or GAM, goodlooking and in good shape like me? Then I would **love** to hear from you. Please write; I'd like to be your friend. I know I'm quiet, but please don't hold that against me; it only means that I'm content being in your company. Discretion guaranteed. All replies answered. Reply BT Box AG119.

Masculine Buddy/Affair Sought

by goodlooking, very masculine, bearded GWM, 30s, intelligent, intense, but normal, occasional cigar smoker. You: facial hair, rugged/masculine looks, sane, vulnerable, nice body, attractive, basically a bottom. Thick moustaches a real turn on. Would like regular matinee meetings for safe sexploration and mutual stroking. Not a relationship ad. Please respond with creative letter, photo and phone. Reply BT Box AG120.

Nice Guys Can Be Handsome Too!

Yours truly is big-hearted, easygoing, has a happy outlook on life and traditional values related to home and monogamy. I'm stable and successful yet adventurous, a good friend and I fully enjoy life and people. Physically, I'm clean-cut, 6'1", 180 lbs, with a hairy chest, handsome face, brn/hzl and a big smile. I'm warm, affectionate, endowed, romantic, masculine and HIV negative—you'd guess I was a top in bed but you'd be wrong. I'd like to meet another nice man

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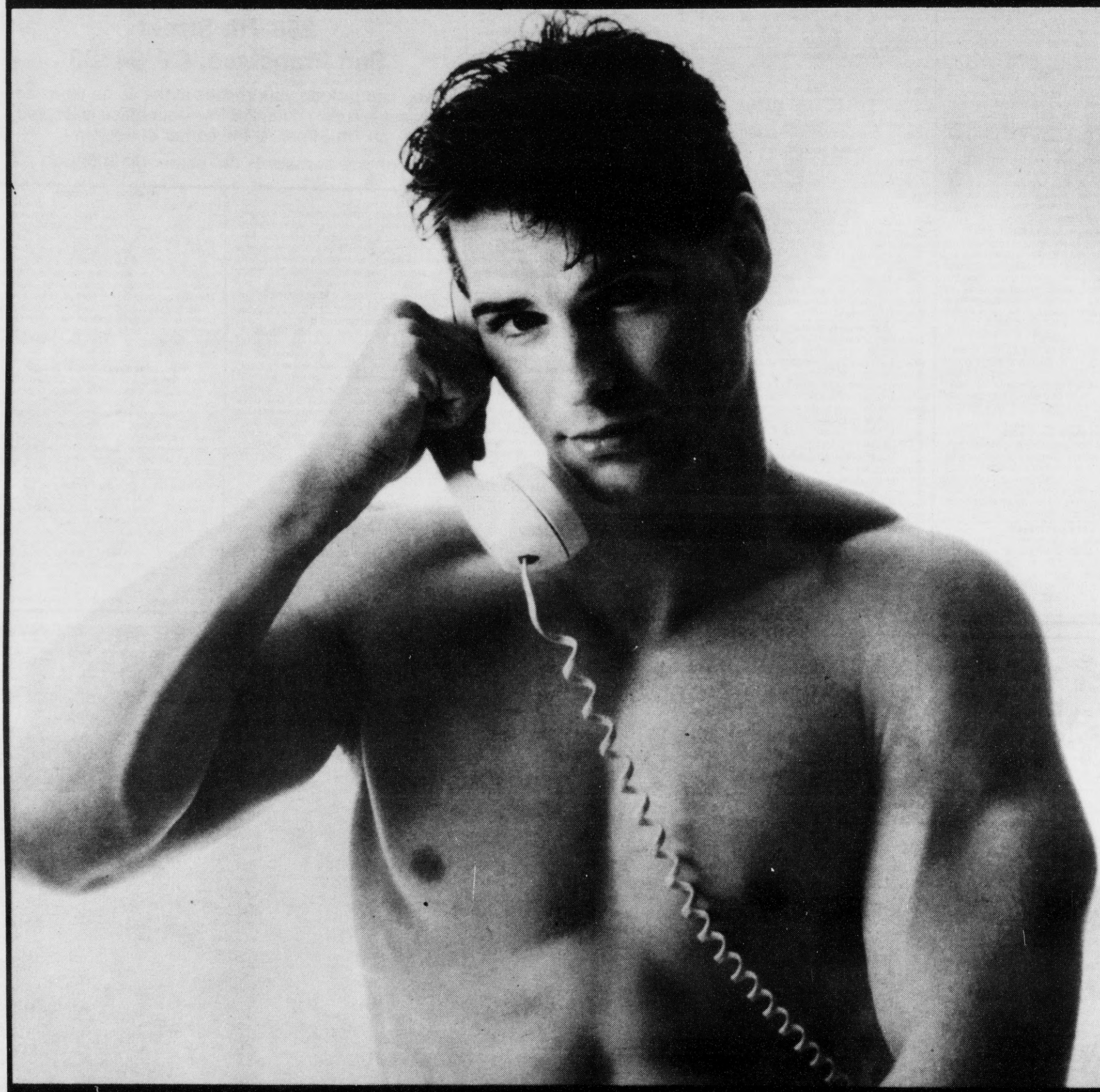

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who is handsome too. Are you solidly masculine with a manly presence, yet a boy's capacity for fun? Are you ready for a healthy, monogamous, old-fashioned relationship with someone who is your best friend as well as your lover? Are you a hairy-chested, well-built GW *gentleman*, 30-40, 6' or taller, HIV neg., top, with a healthy appetite for lots of love and affection? If so, I'd like you to know some important things about me. Despite the necessary marketing data regarding my appearance, I'm a gentle, modest, loving man who had an 11-year, monogamous relationship which ended over a year ago. I don't smoke or do drugs and drinking is rare. Although I'm 31, I can offer you a mature level of security and commitment. If this sounds good to you, reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 14494, SF 94114. I'd appreciate a photo and will return it with mine, but write even if you don't have one.

Cancer, Gemini Rising

GWM. Mature, attractive, decent shape; stable, honest; top. Age 49, 6', 175 lbs; brn, blu, HIV neg; seeks companion. I do not drink, smoke, abuse drugs or people. I enjoy croquet, badminton, outdoors, home renovation, voice and classical music. Seek reliable man, any race, ages 30 to 40, 5'6" or under, who is kind, warm, cooperative with sense of humor, who enjoys home life, gardening, children, animals and prizes partnership as an inherent richness, a caressing thing of itself independent of social or economic context. Letter with phone/photo. Reply BT Box AG121.

Chemistry in the East Bay

Some personal chemistry, a little romance, and some mutually enjoyable sex that might lead to a lasting relationship is what I'm looking for. And preferably right here in Co Co County! I'm 34, white, 6', 160 lbs, longish blond hair, moustache, blue eyes, physically appealing (so I'm told), nonsmoker, HIV negative with an offbeat sense of humor. Sexually speaking, I love being a bottom, but being on top is a very close second. Kissing is important, honest communication a must! The things that matter most to me are relationships with people, music, animals, and volunteering for the AIDS crisis. If you're in approximately my same age group and sense some common ground here, I'd sure like to hear from you. Please send photo with your letter and I'll send you one of me. Reply BT Box AG122.

Sonoma County—LIVE 105

Goodlooking, friendly, non-bar type GWM living in Santa Rosa. Mid 30's. Bl/Blu, 5'9", 135, songwriter/musician by night, investor/builder by day. Would like to meet someone my age or younger with openness and humor. Shyness is fine too. Let's meet or talk and see if we fit together. Your photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 851, San Rafael 94915.

Novice S/M

New but eager S/M slave seeks training master. GWM, 51, 5'7", 150 lbs, available daytimes only. Reply BT Box AG123.

Honesty + Sincerity = Me

Fun loving, Jewish teddy, 5'9", 200 lbs. but dieting, green eyes, great smile with insane sense of humor, seeks 28-48, stable, aggressive, creative guy who looks for the most out of life. Interests should vary for excitement. If you are not scared of a possible relationship, please write. Reply BT Box AG124.

Weekend Relationship

It's time for me to confess my secret desire—to have a man that I can service as he relaxes and enjoys the warm hands and tongue of a handsome Latin male. I want to take care of you as you kick back, watch videos, listen to music, etc... This would be a big turnon for me too. If you are 21-40, in good, healthy, physical condition, please send photo and number. I live in the country. Reply BT Box AG125.

Breakfast in Bed

is one of several things I enjoy on weekends. After wearing a suit and tie Monday to Friday this GWM, 27, 170, 6'0", likes to dress down to 501's and sneakers. If you're looking for a monogamous relationship with a guy who enjoys workouts, dancing, music and being outdoors, send photo/phone. Reply BT Box AG126.

Free Spirit!

This energetic GWM, 41, 5'9", 200 lbs, HIV neg., is also professional, humorous, sophisticated, intense, considerate, erudite, adventurous, boyish, handsome, very masculine, artistic and spiritual. Loves the arts, disdains crowds. Never been in a tanning salon, gym or Nordstrom. Believes a man in the house is worth two outside a gay bar. Aware of, but not immersed in the gay scene. Looking for lifetime companion. You: Ideally 38-50, attractive, happy with yourself, appreciate the fine things of life, understand the meaning of integrity and the value of good manners. Please write with photo (returnable). Reply BT Box AG127.

Husband Material

Handsome, masculine man with nesting instinct seeks attractive mate, 35-45, for long-term relationship. I'm 5'10", 175, blue eyes, trimmed beard, defined and athletic body, HIV neg., age 51. Interests include running, hiking, day trips, weekends at The River, volunteering for Shanti, gardening, movies. We are both reliable, loving, have a sense of humor, drug/smoke free, and easy to be with. Send note with photo, and I'll contact you after I return from Gay Games. Reply BT Box AG128.

Main Squeeze Potential

Goodlooking, professional, GWM, looking for a boyfriend. I'm 43, 5'11", 170 lbs., brown/blue, mustache, healthy, HIV positive, nonsmoker. My interests are movies, travel, working out, skiing, CW dancing, dining out and having a good time. If interested, please respond with photo and phone number. Reply BT Box AG129.

Nooners!

Work nights and looking for daytime action. GWM, 38, 5'7', 155, brown hair and moustache, 7" uncut and hairy. Want a quickie at lunch or have a lover? Can be discreet. Reply BT Box AG130.

Come Fly With Me

South Bay GWM seeks stable, relationship-oriented man. I am 36, 5'7", 115 lbs, do not smoke, drink or do drugs. I am in excellent health, nonpolitical, professional. I spend my free time flying airplanes, dining out, and working with computers. I would like to form a serious, lasting, monogamous relationship with someone who, like me, is HIV negative, values integrity, has an even temper, is sincere, has his act together, has a sense of humor, is roughly 30-40 years old, slim, mature and ready to settle down and give a relationship a try. Please send photo and phone number. I will gladly return or exchange photos if you give an address. Reply BT Box AG131.

Take the Bait

Energetic, handsome, all-around nice guy seeks mystery dream dates with eligible bachelors. I'm 30, 5'8", 140 lbs, masculine, sexy, HIV negative, with a tight, hairy build, dark hair and eyes, mustache, and big smile. Many interests, including travel, hiking, regular workouts, and romance. Looking for hunky, built guys, 30-40, with compatible interests, passion, sense of humor, big arms, and ability to answer 25 percent of all "Jeopardy" questions correctly. Your letter and photo get mine. Reply BT Box AG132.

Kinky Dad Wanted

I'm a horny, attractive guy, 31, 5'10", who wants to be dominated in bed by a hot, kinky, muscular dad. I'm attracted to well-built, mature guys over 40. I'm into mutual J.O., titplay, spanking, attire (including leather, boots, gym clothes, underwear, business suits) and passionate lovemaking. Not into drugs or booze. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AG133.

Looking for Secret Rendezvous

A romantic, discreet, mature Asian is seeking Bi or GWM (40-55 with hairy and masculine body) for safe oral sex at your place. I am 41, 5'8½", 147 lbs, with smooth athletic body and warm heart. Please send me a photo and letter. Reply BT Box AG134.

Romantic GWM Seeks GAM

Very good-looking, successful GWM 32, 5'9", 175, muscular defined body. Enjoys music, dancing, concerts, sports, movies, traveling, and quiet evenings at home. Masculine, straight-appearing, HIV neg., and not into drugs or alcohol. Looking for the right man to share my life. Are you GAM, good-looking, 21-35, defined, smooth body, independent, self-assured, honest, and romantic who is looking to share his life with the right man? Then send me a letter, photo, and phone number to Boxholder, P.O. Box 42, SF 94101. I will answer in kind.

Good-Looking Uncut Blond

seeks smooth, dark-skinned, muscular, uncut oral partner. Handsome GWM, 5'8", 150, 40's, blond, well-defined, uncut, top/versatile. I like long, warm, sensual sessions. Looking for good, safe sex; open to more if that should develop. Uncut a must. Strongly prefer Latin or dark-skinned. Contact info and photo to BT Box AG135.

Rich "Sugar Daddy" Wanted

to adopt a 20-year-old, very good-looking, straight-looking, athletic type college student, 6'1", 170, blond, hazel. I'm used to the finer things in life and I'm leaving home in August so I need a rich daddy-type to take care of me the way I'm used to. Have you always wanted your own Son? Now's your chance! I'm healthy, honest, sincere and loveable. Wealthy, serious, successful men only, please. No games. Send your adoption resume today to Boxholder, 8125 Sunset Ave., Suite 176, Fair Oaks 95628.

We Are Ready!

Now all we have to do is meet. I am prepared with honesty, hopefulness and a willingness to accept you as you are. I am 34, 6'2", 175 lbs, with Scandinavian looks. My lifestyle includes religion, working out, cooking, fun with friends and living in Contra Costa County. If you want to be spiritually supported, mentally stimulated and physically satisfied, I could be for you. I am healthy, HIV positive and know the vitality of life! Reply BT Box AG136.

Looking for a Big, Black, Sex Machine Stud?

Sorry, I'm not him. However, I am a 44-year-old Black man, 5'11", 200 lbs, (not gym-toned but no slouch either), who is looking for someone to make love to and to be made love to. You should be late 30s to mid 50s, attractive, masculine, and no slouch either. (If younger, please be mature and know what you want) and, not afraid to express feelings in/out of bed. I'm sensitive, outgoing, loving and caring. I'm a professional, emotionally and financially secure, with many interests. Take a chance (just as I am) and let me

hear from you. Hopefully we will like and be sexually attracted to each other. Your returnable photo would be appreciated. Reply BT Box AG137.

GWM, 41, 5'4", firm body, hairy chest, Br/Br, bald, beard, nonsmoker, HIV pos., healthy, metaphysical, spiritual, live in Sonoma. I like travel, healthy diet, working out, mellow jazz, humor, passion. I am sexually versatile, somewhat kinky, honest, self-supporting, creative, loving. You are masculine, honest, healthy, affluent, looking for loving relationship, 34 to 54, muscular, hung, uncut preferred, cut ok. Photos exchanged. Reply BT Box AG138.

The Simple Truth

is that I'm ready to meet a similarly strong, sensitive, sincere and passionate man of fit body, mind, and spirit for camaraderie and intimate sharing. I'm attractive 5'9", 140 lbs, br/br, smoothish, Jewish, clean-shaven, boyish, 34. Sexually passionate, I'm open-minded, sometimes shy, usually bottom, and always safe. I'm committed to inner-exploration, social change, and working with the "dark" as well as the "light." Drawn to other artists, poets, spiritual warriors, SF to Sacramento. Loves: hiking, music, gentle masculinity, urban frolics, intense conversations, spontaneity. Reply w/photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 210412, SF 94121.

Inexperience Counts!

So many jobs in the world require experience. To meet me does not! Inexperienced collegiate, GAM, 26, 5'11", 155, seeks similar masculine GWM near own age for steady companionship. I'm articulate, intelligent, well-educated, humorous. Know where I'm going and what to do. Not into bar scene, but likes dancing, outdoor activities, dinners a deux. Not looking for Mr. Perfect, just Mr. Compatible. Would like someone who doesn't mind a suburban lifestyle, N/S, N/D, honest, considerate, responsible, yet broad-minded, outgoing. Interested? Write to Boxholder, P.O. Box 6425, Concord 94524.

Heavenly Round Black Butt

needs a hard, thick cock dangling from an older, taller, heavier white male who enjoys humping it. Lots of hair, some, or bald ok. Me: Nice looking, HIV neg., 45, 5'9", 160, with a hot safe butt. No quickies, weak meat, fast triggers, or once in awhile types. Need good thruster, kisser, friend, lover and mate who is out publicly. No closeted gays, married or bisexual spies. Info and photo, yes photo, to Boxholder, P.O. Box 30423, Oakland 94604.

Total Departure

I'm a red-haired, blue-eyed, East Coast transplant looking for (I think) a relationship. Somewhat out of the closet 28-year-old, 5'10", 170 lbs, HIV neg., that's your downtown, successful type with ambition, good taste, and prep school looks. Learning to focus energy on the things that count and harness unhealthy pretensions. Through this ad (very unlike me) I hope to meet masculine, classic-type men with whom I would be comfortable in public. Interested? Drop me a note with a photo. Reply BT Box AG139.

Attention Studs

Sexy man-boy type in need of periodic fuck. I'm a masculine 35-year-old, with short brown hair, about 5'10", 145 lbs, with a bushy moustache. I'm particularly turned on to long-legged, lean, Top men, but it's the man's attitude that gets me on my knees, so all responses will be considered. Most compatible with men who are comfortable in jeans, boots, and a leather jacket. Otherwise, real honest, independent, relaxed, and very comfortable with myself. Is that enough? Reply BT Box AG140.

Whoa, Babe!

Handsome GWM is 38 look younger, 5'11", 160 lbs, Brn/Brn, lean, smooth, defined, and athletic. I have an open mind, an open heart, a sense of play, and a big dick. I've HIV positive. I like: Nectarines, mountaineering, hip hop, cultcha, Nights in the Gardens of Spain, jazz, dancing at The Box, wind in my face, cycling, cilantro, Stephen Hawking, Hacky Sack, garlic, a clean windshield, and an open sky. Seek boyish/handsome, lean, smooth guy, 25-35, who has big searching mind and likes the outdoors, arts, food and me. Reply BT Box AG141.

Ready for a New Beginning?

Would you like to meet a physically and mentally fit 41-year-old professional (live SF, work SV)? I am 5'7", 135 lbs, Br/Hzl attractive, moustache, mostly bottom, average looks to attractive. I enjoy movies, music, outdoors, computers and exploring SF on foot. I am healthy. HIV pos., reserved, down-to-earth, independent and honest with a sense of humor about life. I prefer Latin or Mediterranean looks, but basically am looking for an honest guy, 34-48, my height or taller, in shape, who is truly comfortable with himself without needing material things to provide self-confidence. Would like to meet someone who has more dreams and plans than time in the day. Please send letter, photo (I'll return). Reply BT Box AG142.

I Am On Top of You...

Feeling your full, round buttocks beneath my loins. I am in front of you, kneeling to adore your long, sumptuous endowment. I hold you, I kiss you, I caress you inside and out. I seek and offer warmth and friendship. I am open, honest and aware. You have been around the block too. I am 5'11", GBM, 160 lbs, above average in many ways. I am stable professional who makes it onto the market about the beginning of every decade. I'll consider any situation presented. However, you absolutely must reply with a photo. Reply BT Box AG143.

Stop Vogueing Now,

OK, I'll stop bashing Madonna, I just like a good laugh, some caustic sarcasm, the kind my friends back east use constantly. My funky offbeat attitude may keep me out of corporate boardrooms (give up wearing my Doc Martens!), but doesn't affect my work ethic or motivation. For fun times, when I'm not hosting a Tupperware party or sticking pins in my Jesse Helms voodoo doll, I like eating out, shopping, but prefer Valencia St. to Union Square, the Home Depot to Vogue Interior Designs (I like making furniture). I enjoy spending time with people that encourage rather than stifle creativity. I'm an attractive 30-year-old GWM, 5'7", 145 lbs, and an equal opportunity homo. Hopefully you're unconventional, about my age, not a Republican, race/HIV status are not an issue. If you're looking for this sort of companionship, domestic partner or whatever, please respond to BT Box AG144.

Masculine/Affectionate/Versatile

Looking for masculine, affectionate, versatile companion, late 20s-30s, to share sweaty, fun times, in and out of bed. I'm 34, 5'9", 170 lbs, well-built, (HIV pos. but very healthy), brown hair (balding), baby blue eyes, primarily top but versatile, into arts, outdoors, music, staying healthy. I'm just a regular guy with special sensibilities. Send a photo/letter/phone and I'll reciprocate. Reply BT Box AG145.

Control Expert Wanted

Control expert into hoods, bondage, sensory deprivation, CBT work, leather, more, wanted by intelligent, masc., muscular, 6'4", 225 lbs, 44-year-old. Letter and photo (returned) to: BT Box AG146.

Wieenie Me

Handsome 34-year-old, HIV negative homosexual looking for a few good-looking, HIV negative fuck buddies between the ages of 27-35, to share erotic, safe and sane sessions of posing, fantasy and sex, at the Park, the gym, on skates, or in the sterile confines of a bedroom. So, if you'd like to get off with a hunky 5'11", 172 pound, 8.532 incher, athletic guy, drop me a picture and a note. Reply BT Box AG147.

Businessman With Apartment

downtown, seeking businessman for lunch time or afternoon get-together. Me: masculine, straight appearing/acting, forties, into 8" +, shaved nut sac, nipples, oral (condomized), J/O. Discreet only. Write with likes and accurate description or photo. Reply BT Box AG148.

Asian

GAM, slim, young-looking, warm, quiet, honest, 41 years old, 5'7", healthy, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, seeks GWM over 40 years old for friendship or possible relationship. If I have a wish, it would be for me to meet a friend simple and genuine. Some of my interests are walking, traveling, photography, music... If possible write with photo (will be returned) and phone. Reply BT Box AG149.

Brains and Muscles

Intelligent, drop-dead handsome, and muscular GWM, 36, 5'10", 150 lbs, br/bl, moustache, seeks great-looking, trim GM 30-45 (especially like black hair or dark features), who is bright, self-confident, curious and open-minded. I am well-educated (enjoy provocative art, unconventional films, challenging books); well-traveled (6 continents); adventurous (wilderness hiking and climbing, sky-diving); disciplined (gym, running, swimming, biking); extremely affectionate. Objective: Friendship/sex/relationship? Those responses with photo reciprocated. Reply BT Box AG150.

Wanted: Not Just Great Sex

Affection, companionship, good communication are equally important. You like long walks (with my dog), attending theatre/movies, dining in and out, occasional bicycling, drives in the country, art/architecture, travel, quiet times, good conversation and socializing (for a start). You are: attractive; 30-40; 5'7" +; trim/firm body; clean-shaven; preferably WASPish; gentle; nurturing; warm; masculine; self-confident; *not* religious; HIV negative/healthy; nonsmoking; with a good sense of humor. I'm 39 (look 32), clean-shaven, Jewish (nonpracticing), professional turned architecture student, 5'9", br/br, 148 lbs, attractie, muscular/trim, HIV negative, a transplanted easterner with an infectious sense of humor, a caring demeanor and realistic expectations. I don't expect to settle down with "Mr. Right" tomorrow. Let's just get to know each other, date for a while and take it from there. Interested? If so, send photo and letter. Reply BT Box AG151.

Opposites Attract

I'm a hairy-chested, clean-cut GWM, 38, 5'10", 150 lbs, successful, masculine, professional, with a comfortable home and interesting life to share. I'd like to meet a masculine, down-to-earth guy (blue collar ok), 21 to 35, any race, smooth, bottom (or versatile), and self-supporting. (Income differences aren't an issue as long as we both contribute what we can). You're the kind of man who would enjoy exploring new places on weekends, going hiking or camping. You're not into ballet, opera, or the bar scene. You're an enthusiastic, and romantic lover who has a healthy sex drive, a one man kind of guy who wants a lifetime partner. Like me, you're HIV negative, monogamous, and ready to share a happy, stable home together. Life can be better with a solid, successful, loving man by your side, so reply to BT Box AG152.

Tired of Being Alone (Sound Familiar?)

GWM, 5'9", 140 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion, bike-toned, 70's college graduate, non-(smoker, drugger, drinker), looking for good-looking masculine, well-educated/talented, monogamous GWM. A busy health professional with many interests including classical music, science, sport cars, I work harder than I should and hope to find someone that will encourage me to slow down. We could hike, bike, build fires before bed, drive the country in my sports car or anything you enjoy doing or whatever pops up, spending quality time together. Living in the city, I'm looking for a country place too. A homebody who still finds the Bay Area exciting, I hope to find my guy. Caring, considerate, compassionate, loving, loyal, kind, shy, time spent together will develop our relationship. Looking forward to your inputs. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AG153.

Carpenter Seeks Carpenter

with whom I can bang away at these walls and wake up next to in my too-lonesome East Bay home. Is it naive to think its possible to have hot sex, true love and construct an enduring relationship with the same one person? I'm a clean-cut professional (31), have green eyes, sandy-blond hair, HIV negative, and a body that's in-shape from swimming. I'm attracted to clean-cut, educated guys my age or younger who can hold a hammer as well as use it. Your reply with photo and phone # gets mine. Reply BT Box AG154.

Looking for a Real Person

GLM, 29, 5'7", 150. I love beaches, hiking outdoors, movies, spectator sports, quiet evenings at home, animals, massage and cuddling. I'm HIV negative. Into safe sex and prefer nonsmokers. Looking for GWM, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship or possible relationship. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 104, Moraga 94556.

Are You GWM, 35-50, Well-Hung And Boyfriend/Relationship Oriented?

Masculine, romantic GWM, 46, 5'6", 135 lbs, with a lean and defined physique; dark brown eyes, short dark hair (what's left of it!), moustache and fair complexion. Above-average good looks and endowment. I'm seeking an honest, committed, loving partnership of a lifetime. I'm not in a hurry. We're both HIV neg. I'm free of drugs and tobacco; so are you and either light or non-drinker. I'm playful and affectionate both in and out of bed; sexually oral, A/P, not into Greek. I have an upbeat, positive, self-confident attitude; outgoing and communicative with a unique sense of style and a goofy sense of humor. I'm ambitious—not driven—with a healthy dose of self-discipline. Though not a political activist, I'm liberal and prefer the company of open-minded people. I'm looking for a guy with a wonderful sense of humor. Your weight is proportionate to height, and you're heartily interested in being fit, pursuing an active lifestyle. You're emotionally mature and financially stable: I offer you the same. My interests include activities around the home and garden, working out, performing arts, sharing time with friends and a healthy diet. I prefer the quiet, domestic scene to the fast lane, but I love living in S.F. and all the diversity it provides. Do you have ambition and passion? Would you like to connect with an exceptional guy who has the capacity to love and be happy with just one man? I'll acknowledge all replies; photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box AG155.

A Real Clown But No Bozo

seeks Mr. Wonderful, mid 20's to 40ish GWM, to share laughter, life and love. I'm 31, 5'11", 165, Brn/Brn, GWM, ex-circus performer, who traded greasepaint, sawdust and spangles for graduate degree and professional staff position with major SF art museum. I've been called fiercely independent, brutally honest, witty and charming, even attractive! I like good friends, good safe sex, all performing arts, dancing, fencing, juggling, volleyball, collecting 1960's Pop Art, and travel. I'm HIV neg., very health conscious, and looking for a long-term relationship with same. I'm not interested in role-playing, casual sex, smokers/substance abusers or macho bullshit. I prefer developed intellect, sincerity and sense of humor over well-defined muscles. Photo would be appreciated. Reply BT Box AG156.

Herrrrrre's Johnny!

Last weekend my straight, older brother called from Chicago and asked how my sex life was: I told him that things were so— That my fingers were getting headaches! (Ba-Ba-Room!) Seriously folks, I mean really seriously folks...I am trying to find a guy 30-45 who likes men that are OBF. No, not some British Order. Older but firm! (Applause sign) Folks, if you are a GWM, HIV neg, who wants to meet a good-looking, nonsmoker guy with grey hair and is 52, 5'9", 150 HIV neg., Top, drop me a line. Like fishing...Drop a line...and a photo, and you will receive, (by return mail) an asboslutely free, flattering photo of me, a revealing letter, and a chance to win Ed McMann. Reply BT Box AG157.

Shy Romantic

Stable, goodlooking GWM, tired of the attitude and bars, seeks someone special to get to know and share times with, possibly leading to more. Me: 39 yrs, 6'1", brown hair, deep hazel eyes, full moustache, hunky body (I go to the gym regularly), nonsmoker-drug user, light drinker, professionally employed. Friends say I'm handsome and would make a good catch, but I'm shy and it is hard to meet quality men in the usual gay ways, bars, etc. I'm open to dating with the possibility of making a commitment with the right man. I like: Biking, gourmet cooking and dining, fine wines (I'm an accomplished home winemaker), local travel (Gold Rush, wine country), antiques, romance, cuddling, hot sex, foreskins (nice but not mandatory). I'm looking to meet similar GWM's with similar likes, but am open to new people and experiences. I consider myself stable and open to new things. I have lived here for 8 years and would like to meet other quality men to see what develops. If any of the above is of interest to you, I invite your response with recent photo (returnable) and letter. Let's get busy. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 14186, SF 94114.

A Good Guy

44, GWM, lean, natural body, HIV neg, light brn/balding, 6', 160 lbs, seeks a quietly masculine bottom who loves to have his butt plowed, maybe share mutual interests. Reply BT Box AG158.

ARC Angel

seeks another angel for earthly adventures. Although recently diagnosed with ARC, I am very healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally. I'd like to meet others in my situation for mutual support and nurturing, and to possibly find my special angel. I'm a romantic who loves to kiss and make sensual passionate love. I'm a very goodlooking GWM, 35, with brown hair, pretty green eyes, and a tall, tight muscular build. You are equally attractive. Are you my angel? Reply BT Box AG159.

Sensitive

Seeks GWM with a tall, trim, fairly smooth body, handsome, 38-48 y.o. I am 6'1", 167 lbs, hairy, good-looking, swimmer, GWM, 42 y.o. We are both spiritually oriented, romantic, good-hearted, gone through therapy, HIV negative, seeking a steady relationship (receiving and giving lots of touch), building our future home in a very quiet area. If you share a similar dream, please respond with a short letter and a photograph. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5224, SF 94101.

Handsome, Masculine Botanist

36, 6', 175 lbs, with brown hair, hazel eyes, HIV neg., seeking masculine, faithful, communicative, toppish, HIV neg. lover and new friends who are warm, bright, expressive, yet masculine, creative and physically active. I enjoy dancing, singing, sharing your intense interests, natural history and the outdoors (Some interest in plants on your part is required). I don't enjoy superficial society and emotional ellipsis frustrates me. Write Boxholder, P.O. Box 274, Berkeley 94701.

A Chance for Romance

Looking for a special guy to have an intimate friendship with, i.e. romance! Someone genuine, stable, secure—just a normal guy who also happens to like guys—without the need for the "gay lifestyle" bit. Preferably, he is 28-40, tall, in good shape, HIV neg, masculine and lives in SF. I'm 34, 6'3", 175, brown/blue, WASP, clean-shaven, attractive and like movies, music, travel, photography and smart, witty people. NOT into sports, smokers or drugs. Please respond with phone and photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 2954, SF 94126.

A Healthy Mind In a Healthy Body

Intellectual/athletic type East Bay GWM seeks guy who is into outdoor athletic activities, such as bicycle work-outs, running and hiking. If you're also my age or less, professionally oriented and open to a possible relationship, I yearn to meet you! I am a 44, 6', 160 lb, balding, lean runner's body, professional, clean-cut, monogamous-type Catholic boy; also HIV neg. Let's sidekick around, no strings attached; maybe to share much more later. No smokers or users. Reply BT Box AG160.

Bearded Bear Seeks Cubs

Handsome daddy bear, 39, 6', 170 lbs, br/bl, HIV pos. seeks hot, horny, bottom bear and cub fuckbuddies for pawing and mauling. If you're 20-50, trim, facially hirsute and willing to nuzzle, grunt and cum with a butt-slamming grizzly, send photo and letter to Boxholder, P.O. Box 10831, Oakland 94610-0831.

New in Town—Available Immediately

Very attractive and discriminating GWM, 36, 5'9", 150 lbs, muscular, blond/hazel, clean-shaven, tan, degreed professional. Worldly, but not worn, sophisticated but not pretentious, great conversationalist but can listen too. Looking for stable, financially secure, mature gentleman, 45 to death, who enjoys life now, but knows it can be better when shared with a sincere, caring, compassionate, younger companion. Let's share dinner, dreams, a movie, maybe life? Come on. Do it. Reply BT Box AG161.

Capture the Imagination!

We're unique, with depth, which enthralls each other. We're looking for an equal—a partner—who's versatile, adventurous, honest, natural, affectionate, confident, introspective, boyish, shy, fit, playful, balanced, relaxed, and communicative. (More/less) That's our goal. Me? 34, GWM, 6'2", 185, average. You? 28-36, 5'11" to 6'3". We're clean-shaven, HIV neg., nonsmoking, no drugs, non-clones, still exploring life. My interests? Writing, reading, dancing, jogging, movies, long walks, computers, and more. You?? Creative letter gets reply. Begin the adventure, and our future! Reply BT Box AG162.

I'll Make Your Mornings Hot

Huggable mug seeks caffeinated boy for peppy times. Do you take cream? A romance would only make it sweeter. GWM, 31, bl/gr, lap swimmer, HIV negative, *strong* blend, seeks freshly brewed and lasting satisfaction, cup after cup after... Reply with photo and phone number and so will I. Reply BT Box AG163.

First Class

I'm quite a catch, but so are you. Let's unite and develop an intimate, exciting, monogamous relationship. I'm bright (Phi Beta Kappa), yet down-to-earth. Currently I'm pursuing a doctoral degree at Stanford. I'm masculine and—according to an impartial jury—strikingly handsome (Italian/Greek looking). Running, tennis and biking keep my body trim (5'10", 155 lbs), and muscular. Most importantly, my loving, affectionate, expressive nature defines me. Expect long, thoughtful conversations, strolls through the foothills at dusk, frequent sensual back rubs, and unbridled passion from me (We're both HIV neg.). I think you'll enjoy both my jousting sense of playfulness as well as my sensuous, reflective side. Some of my turn-ons include: music, art, science, fine food (I cook), singing in the shower, foreign lands, the outdoors, and, yes, a sexy man in a suit and tie. Turn-offs: drugs, cigarettes, excessive alcohol or religiousness, hair loss, feminine and overweight men. If you, dear reader, are truly loving and affectionate (Key #1), truly handsome (Key #2), and delight in mixing both intellectually and feelingly with another fine man (Key #3), then we *are* a match. Please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter and include a returnable photo (a must). Thank you for taking the time to respond to Boxholder, P.O. Box 9605, Stanford 94309.

Looking for Connections

with good men of balance, heart and humor, brothers who are grounded, earthy, playful, passionate and compassionate, unconventional, self- and other-loving, with fit, healthy bodies, quick minds, natural masculinity, open hearts. I'm 40, 160 lbs, 5'11", HIV negative, good-looking, athletic, bright, hairy, bearded, creative, sexy. Passionate about the outdoors, great hiker/backpacker, politics lean to left/environmental. Other interests include swimming, drumming, poetry, Eastern/Native American spirituality, wrestling under tangled sheets, slow, tender lovemaking, men's movement, Green politics, foreplay, play, afterplay. I'm primed now for a rousing, lusty romance. If this ad is talking to you, write (with photo) and let me hear about it. Reply BT Box AG164.

Exceptional Marin Dude

Never too presumptuous good looks, 5'9½", 170 lbs, strong mind and body, brown hair most places, HIV neg., 38 yrs, athletic life, tennis, baseball. Enjoy the home and pool, but need to meet another hot buddy for man-to-man stuff. No holes barred. Gret legs and butt get mine. Potential boyfriend material. Reply BT Box AG165.

Paula Abdul Is Eating My Brain

Alternative rock/movie fanatic (5'7", br/hazel, 130, perpetually boyish 30), seeks slim, clean-shaven, white or Asian SF guy, 22-32, for conversation, movie/concert-going, nocturnal play, etc. Former rock band front-man, I'd rather dance to the Pixies than Madonna any day. I'm politically active, sweet and sarcastic, with a Monty Python sense of humor and a weakness for long hair. Hate mainstream culture/Top 40, facial fuzz. Love smart, irreverent, independent-minded individuals. Reply BT Box AG166.

Outdoor Partners

Looking for athletic partners interested in (and already pursuing) moderate to fairly strenuous hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, or backpacking, for afternoon, day or weekend trips. If this kind of sweaty exercise also turns you on, and you have a beard, consider this an ad for sleazy sex, too. Me: 33, 5'11", 180 lbs, literate, funny, full red beard. Reply BT Box AG167.

Travel Companion

Six weeks in Europe. Two in Amsterdam, four in various other cities. Leather/Levi man, 38 y.o. looking for another to share expenses and companionship. Leaving 9/5/90. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 880647, SF 94188-0647.

It's the Whole Package that Counts

Me: GWM, 39, 6'3", 210, brn eyes, brown/gray, trim beard, masculine, handsome, noticed, HIV

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neg., nonsmoker, nondrinker, no drugs, looking for a monogamous relationship. Happy with career, accomplishments, physical and mental state. I'm looking for someone to share many interests with and/or simply spend weekends in bed. Some of my outdoor interests include hiking, mountain biking, nude beaches, walking in the city or on the coast. Other passions include art, architecture, design professions, museums, photography, volunteering, all music from Madonna to O'Hearn to Bach, Bali, the coast, out to Amer. Chow/Avenue Grill, etc. with friends, all film (porn included), (safe) sex anywhere, lifting weights 4 times a week/the gym and feeling healthy, happy and relaxed. Well-travelled. You: GWM 35-45, attractive, masculine, well-built type in looks, nonsmoker, nondrinker, no drugs, HIV neg and serious about your workouts. It's your total package and how we click that counts. (Guys with great pecs, arms and thighs, mustache/beard, hairy chest a plus). You are not so into yourself that you can't really get to know another man and are looking for a monogamous relationship. You use your brains, balls and heart. You are out, relaxed and possess a sense of humor allowing you to not take it all so seriously. Some of your interests should match mine. Sincere/serious replies with recent photo/phone get my prompt reply. Reply BT Box AG168.

Exhibitionists/Voyeurs

who are hot and uninhibited wanted for erotic, kinky, safe, jack-off sessions. If you like to show off in jockstraps, tight shorts, sheer underwear, nylon/lycra bicycle pants or any kind of tight athletic gear and have me take candid photos as you slowly strip down to reveal your hairy crotch and buns, then let's get together for some nasty fun. I would also like for you to take photos of me, get butt-naked, watch porno, slowly stroke our dicks and balls, play with each other's nipples and talk dirty would really be a turn-on. Prefer hairy masculine guys, 21-45, whose weight is proportionate to height. I am goodlooking GWM, 44, 150, 5'10½". Write and send a photo if possible (returnable) and phone to BT Box AG170.

Little Man, Big Heart

GWM, 23, attractive, creative, relationship-oriented, nonsmoker, seeks WM quasi-mentor/partner. I'm generally quiet, vivacious at times—I love a guy who's free-spirited. Beneath my boyish appearance you'll find someone mature beyond his years. I'm looking for a one-to-one commitment with an affectionate, communicative man who is masculine, not into gay scene. My interests include films, the outdoors, holistic health, music, theater. Hopefully you are good-looking, somewhat spiritual and emotional, and you live in S.F. or visit often. Republicans and materialists need not reply. Photo would be great! Reply BT Box AG169.

Man Friday for Boy

You're young, smooth, and slim. You would like to experiment with that side of yourself that would like to be pampered because you deserve it. You're maybe a little unsure of what to do with your power but not afraid to experiment to see what works for you. I like the feeling I get knowing you're in charge and willing to teach me how to meet your needs and be a real help to you. Serving you brings me joy. Send me a way to reach you, and a little about what would turn you on... How may I serve you? Reply Boxholder, 2124 Kittridge St., Box 174, Berkeley 94704.

Looking for Special Relationship

(still to be defined) with WM (through 30s), where heart, mind, and the erotic synergize. I'm 36, 6', 190 lbs, WM, with trendy facial hair, daytime career, and a sense of humor (and a reasonable conversationalist). I'm looking for a man with an easy masculinity (perhaps more than) average muscularity, and natural affability. Drop me a line about yourself along with a photo. Reply BT Box AG171.

Interested in Head?

I'm looking for a horny GWM, 25-40, who likes getting head occasionally. Just call me when you're in the mood. No reciprocation necessary, but would be nice. Tell me how you like it. Let's work out some sort of arrangement. I'm 28 y.o., 6'2", 165 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, and cute. Reply with note and photo(s) to BT Box AG172.

Summer Special

Very handsome male, mid-thirties, 5'5", 136 lbs, dark hair and eyes, smooth, muscular build, well "built." Masculine, sunny disposition with great smile and sense of humor. New to area and alternative lifestyles. Well-educated and employed. Seeks well "built" male, young at heart and appearance, who values integrity and enjoys healthy lifestyle. Prefer well-educated people interested in arts, alternative music and sports. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 191894, SF 94119-1894.

Short, Dark and Handsome

overachieving twenty-something of Asian and American backgrounds, with obsessive interests in urban culture, architecture, food, restaurants, movies, cacti, fitness, bodyshaping, travelling, and Madonna. Seeks uninhibited companionship in one individual. Prefer someone masculine like myself, not into labels, with similar interests, high levels of love and sensitivity, and an insatiable energy for personal and environmental improvement. Romance possible and optional. Reply with letter and photo to BT Box AG173.

Gumby Looking for Pokey

I'm Asian GM, 32, 5'5", 125 lbs, well-proportioned, very attractive, financially stable, athletic, progressive, very much into a relationship. I'm also very spontaneous and have lots of different interests. I am looking for someone who is attractive, romantic, confident, with good sense of humor, someone who is willing to work out a good relationship. I also prefer someone who is a nonsmoker, and between the age of 25-35, medium to hunky build, of any race. I've been told that I'm cute and look younger than my age. Unfortunately, I recently found out that I'm HIV pos., but the good news is that I'm asymptomatic and very healthy and plan to do everything to stay that way. Friendship is a good place to start, so pick up that pen and paper and write me a short letter with your photo and phone number. Reply BT Box AG174.

Asians/Pacific Islanders

sought by handsome, clean-cut, gentleman/hunk for friendship and what may follow. I am a clean-shaven, broad-shouldered, well-muscled, 5'11", 170 lb, youthful, 39-year-old with strawberry blond hair and blue eyes. Additional features include freckles, a hairy chest and great legs. Healthy, HIV negative and have never smoked nor used any drugs. Partial to romance and anything sentimental. Interests balanced between the athletic (gym workouts, tennis, bicycling, running), cultural (fine arts, world travel), and intellectual (ideas, politics, foreign affairs, history). Have wonderful Asian friends in Japan and Singapore but not here, so if you are a lean, healthy, clean-shaven 21 to 40-year-old interested in sharing some of the above, we should make contact. The all important chemistry cannot be predicted by a personal ad, but we will never know unless you respond. Reply BT Box AG175.

Stella!!

This GWM, 28, handsome and a novice gym bunny, has tried travel, Buddhism and dancing as paths to enlightenment and happiness. I pursue world-saving from my clean office by day. By night, I'm more adventurous, less idealistic. Forget walks on the beach and romantic music: I want to travel to Africa, make videos and sit around drinking coffee and bitching about the state of the world. You: 25-ish to 35-ish. All races and creeds encouraged to apply. No conservatives, please. Reply BT Box AG176.

I Am an Acquired Taste

and worth the effort! Musical, theatrical, erudite 43-year-old, 5'7", 145 lbs, dark hair and beard, wants to settle down with creative, passionate soulmate. First, let's dine, view films, recite poetry and sing Yiddish songs to one another. I prefer stocky blonds, brunets or redheads, 25 - 40. Become one of the cognoscenti. Write me! Reply BT Box AG177.

Solid Guy

I'm 33, 5'9", 150 lbs, W., in shape, goodlooking, masculine, brown/blue, work outdoors, HIV negative, nonsmoker, and native to the Bay Area. My interests include camping and backpacking, spirituality (mysticism in particular), politics/economics (I'm left wing), music (mostly rock), and psychology. I also write, do artwork and am an excellent cook. Would like to meet an honest guy with a life of his own, 26-39, in shape, smooth to moderate body hair. Photo welcome (returned with mine). Reply BT Box AG178.

Warm and Gentle

I would like to hear from all types of laid back, straight-acting guys. I'm 25, 5'8", 145 lbs, attractive, blond/brown, professional. I enjoy outdoors, staying fit, rock and roll, bears, big hearts, blonds, redheads, beards, moustaches. I'd really like to hear from any honest guys who are into this scene. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box AG179.

Free Vacation!

Serious and on the level. I won a trip for two to a health spa near Palm Springs as a contest prize, and want someone to accompany me (everyone I know is busy during the last week of September). I'm a butch, blond bodybuilder (or reasonable facsimile), 32, 5'9", 175, looking for someone who (like me) is good-looking, friendly, fun-loving, and hot to trot. (Well, I didn't say this wasn't a sex ad.) Convince me that you're the one I want to go down there with; please include a photo (returnable) and phone number (I'll be discrete when calling) with your letter. Reply to Boxholder, P.O. Box 14265, SF 94114.

A winner in You

Handsome, athletic, HIV neg., 5'7", 25, 145, evolving, secure, expressive, very sensual, Paris-born GAM into personal growth, has inquisitive, probing, independent, eclectic, yet relaxed, simple, easygoing, playful personality. Enjoys safe sex (French/Greek versatile), city life, friends, volleyball, KQED, homelife, cultural/gay events, dancing, music, seeking sincere honest, athletic build, trim stable GWM/GAM. Send descriptive letter (photo preferred). No drugs. Reply BT Box AG180.

Are You European?

Nice looking, stable, intelligent, passionate guy, 36, 6'1", 175 lbs, HIV neg., very attracted to slender/skinny European men, especially English, Scotch & Irish. I love the arts and outdoors. Intelligence and honesty more important than looks. No smokers or bar types. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 410401, SF 94141.

Friendship

Seeking for GWM, young, good-looking, healthy, discreet, good shape, for friendship and massage-mate. I'm Asian, male, married, appreciate gay friendship. In early 60s looks 40s, 5'10", 160 lbs, blk/brn, smooth body, and good health. Write to Boxholder, P.O. Box 2045, Walnut Creek 94595-0045.

Looking for KY

Ky, you and I (black man) met about 2½ years ago at one of the U/C parties at Capp Street. You are named after a veteran baseball player. Would like to hear from you if by chance you are reading this. Reply BT Box AG181.

September 30th Birthday Boy

Euripides, Jalaluddin Rumi, Truman Capote, Johnny Mathis are all born on September 30th. Seeking men who are born (or want to get to know one who is born) on September 30th. Two motivations: (#1) Seeking an open, adventurous, self-assured, playful, nonsmoking, drug and alcohol free, HIV neg., top/versatile life partner who is responsible, can communicate his emotions and maintain a balance of initiative-taking in relationship. After three years since last in a committed monogamous relationship, I miss most not having someone to hold, sleep with and make love to. (#2) Wanting to talk to others to see what those of us born on the same day are like. Perhaps we can celebrate together. I am an open-hearted, healthy, spiritual (not religious), 43 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs, brn, blu, moustache, HIV neg, who lives a simple but exciting life in S.F. Send tel# or address. Reply BT Box AG182.

Cuddling & Romance

PWA bear, 3yrs, wants big bear to hibernate with in upcoming cold winter. Me: 5'6", beard, hairy chest. You: Taller and bigger. I'm a teddy bear looking for a big bear. Sound good? Let's see how much we have in common—food (love it), travel. Looks not important to me; personality is. Reply BT Box AG183.

25-year-old professional, 6'3", 180 lbs, masculine, new to S.F., brn hair and eyes, handsome, and a pretty nice guy, would like to meet similar. Hopefully, you're bright, athletic, workout regularly, have good sense of humor, like to mtn bike and/or camp, and are very well built. Include pic. (returned) if possible. Reply BT Box AG184.

GWM, 24, boyish, masculine, very good-looking, athletic, and defined, would like to meet larger, masculine, very muscular man who's aggressive, likes to roughhouse/wrestle and is proud of his body. Reply BT Box AG185.

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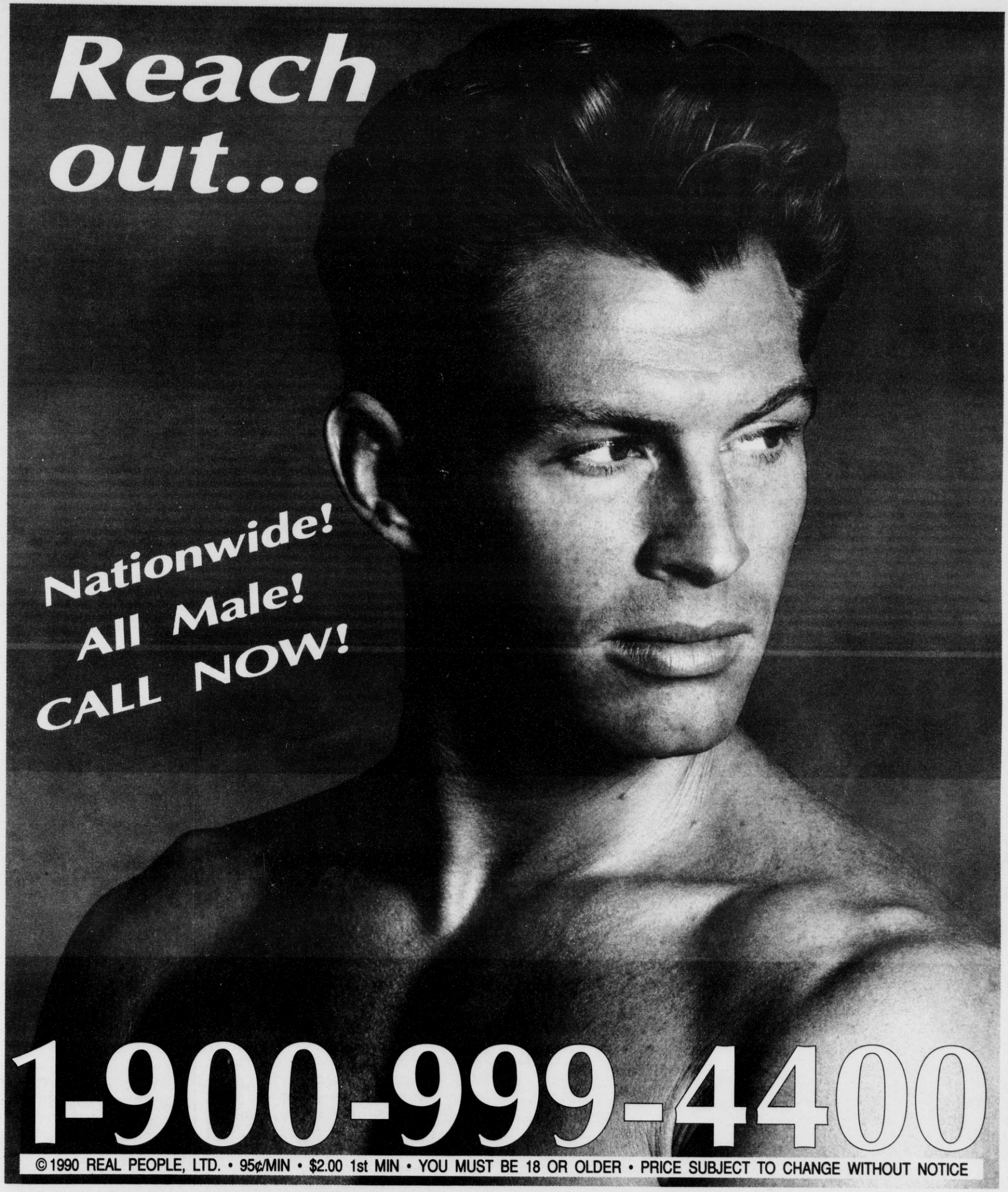
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